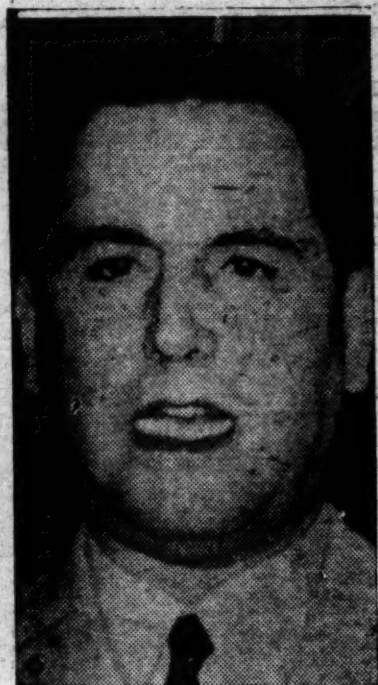


# 1ST ARMY PLUNGES 30 MI.

## Nazis Okayed Argentine 'War' Act

By ANDREW GORDON  
Wireless to the Daily Worker

MONTEVIDEO, March 30.—"Voz Argentina," radio program of Argentine exiles here, disclosed this week that the Argentine war declaration on the Axis followed a secret meeting



COL. JUAN PERON  
Argentine "Strong Man"

of German and Argentine fascists a fortnight ago at which it was recognized that a war declaration was necessary to preserve the Nazi beachhead in Latin America. The program, said the group, expressed fears that the United Nations would lay claim to German funds and decided to consult Berlin and Madrid.

Credence is given to this version because of the three-week delay between the plea of the Inter-American Conference and the war declaration.

According to "Voz Argentina," the meeting was held in the home of Ricardo Guillermo Staudt, personal confidant of Hitler and a blacklisted German industrialist, and the following additional people attended: Acting Foreign Minister Cesar Ameghino; Count Luxburg, German intelligence chief; Fritz Mandl, former Austrian munition man who is now said to be handling a large part of the Argentine armament drive; Count Bulnes, Spanish Ambassador to Argentina, and Col. Gregorio Tauber, secretary to President Edelmiro Farrell.

### CONTACT VIA SUBS

New reports on German aid to the Argentine regime indicate continued close cooperation between the Nazis

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## UNCOVER NAZI PLOT TO REGAIN POWER IN POSTWAR REICH Documents in Allied Hands

WASHINGTON, March 30 (UP).—The Allies have uncovered a Nazi plot to regain control of postwar Germany and strive anew for world domination through fifth column tactics, the State Department revealed today.

It disclosed that this government is in possession of photographic copies of several volumes of Nazi postwar plans. And it warned that the world might

be plunged into another war unless these plans are frustrated.

The plans have been developed by Nazi party members, German industrialists and the German military who realize "that victory can no longer be attained" in this war.

Some already have been put into operation, the department said. Others are ready to be launched "on a widespread scale immediately upon termination of hostilities in Europe."

The "well-arranged" program of the Nazi regime has two major goals:

1—The immediate aim is directed at removing Allied control measures over occupied Germany by "softening up" the Allies through what the State Department described as a subtle plea for "fair treatment" of Germans.

2—The long-range objective is to revive all Nazi doctrines and further "German ambitions for world domination."

In general, the Department said, the Nazis would seek to achieve these goals by having German technicians, cultural experts and undercover agents infiltrate foreign countries with the object of developing economic, cultural and political ties.

By this backdoor method, the Nazis would seek to worm their way back into control of Germany and by-pass Allied plans for stripping Germany of war industries.

"Unless these plans are checked," the Department warned, "they will present a constant menace to postwar peace and security."

It listed these specific methods by which the Nazis would strive to perpetuate themselves:

1—Develop postwar commercial projects by trying to renew friendships in foreign commercial circles and planning to renew pre-war cartel agreements.

2—Appeal to courts in various countries early in the postwar period, through dummies, against "unlawful" seizure of industrial plants and other properties taken over

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**Ruhr Trap:** In advances along a solid 100-mile line on the Western Front, tanks of Gen. Hodges' U. S. First sped beyond (2) to reach within 14 miles southwest of Kassel in their drive to cut off the industrial Ruhr. The First reached within 50 miles of a junction with British Second Army troops to the north (1), racing across the Westphalian plain. On Hodges' southern flank, Gen. Patton's Third gained 21 more miles in its eastward push which reached within 122 miles of Czechoslovakia.

## Soviets Take Danzig

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## WLB Mine Hearing On Today

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# WLB Orders Hearing Today On Mine Issues

WASHINGTON, March 30 (UP).—The War Labor Board moved into the coal wage dispute today amid mounting signs that only government seizure can block a nationwide strike in the soft coal fields.

Hope of averting a crisis hinged on the willingness of the operators and the United Mine Workers to extend their existing contract, which expires at midnight tomorrow, and continue negotiations for a new one. If they refuse, the government is virtually certain to take over the mines to prevent the strike which the miners voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to support.

WLB summoned both sides to a public hearing tomorrow morning when it is expected to order the extension. The Board took over the dispute last night after Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, in the role of emergency arbitrator, failed to bring the parties to agreement, or to win approval of an extension. The board summoned the disputants in a telegram calling on them to show cause why they should not agree to an extension, and why they should not agree on a retroactive date from which contract adjustments would be effective. That date presumably would be April 1.

**MEET MONDAY**  
Hint that the principals may have decided to agree to an extension was contained in an assertion by conference chairman Ezra Van Horn, an operator, that they would meet again Monday to continue negotiations. He refused further comment.

Miss Perkins offered a compromise contract which UMW president John L. Lewis accepted, but the operators turned it down. An operators' spokesman said her proposals "would have added \$100,000,000 a

year to the cost of production without adding one lump of coal to the total output."

The miners also accepted her proposal for an extension, but the operators turned that down too, mainly because it would have made contract adjustments retroactive to April 1. The miners insisted on that provision.

The operators also refused to submit the case to further arbitration of any kind.

Miss Perkins' compromise eliminated 13 of the union's 18 original demands, including the 10-cents-a-ton royalty for health and insurance benefits for union members.

She declined to estimate how much the miners' daily wages would have been increased.

Her terms were that the employers supply the miners with safety clothes and accessories but not explosives; premium pay of four and eight cents an hour for second and third shift work; flat vacation pay of \$75 a year for everybody; increase in the rate of all men in a mechanical mining unit to within \$1 of the top rate; full straight time and premium pay for all overtime spent in travelling to and from the mine face, wage raises for outside day men, and inclusion of supervisory employees in the union.

AFL President William Green meanwhile condemned the operators for not agreeing to Lewis' demands. Practically all should have been granted as a matter of "simple justice," he said.

## 5 Senators Laud Pact Of Labor and Capital

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Five Senators lauded the new charter of peace between workers and employers as the "Big Three" of labor and management prepared to hold the first meeting of the new unity committee next week.

Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), Harley Kilgore (D-WVa.), Homer Capeheart (R-Ind.), Pat McCarran (D-Nev.) and Joseph O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) joined in praising the historic peace pact signed by Eric Johnston, president, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; William Green, AFL president, and Philip Murray, CIO president.

"I was delighted to see the labor-management accord for the period of peace," said Senator Pepper last night.

"It is the application to the home front of the principles of collaboration and working together, which we are applying to the international front."

"This agreement to work together between capital and labor shows that each recognizes its dependence upon the other. I know that both will recognize as well their dependence on the public and the public will understand its dependence upon both."

### COMMON GOOD

"We must all work together for the common good. That is the best way to help ourselves."

Johnston, Green and Murray will gather next week or several days later with Henry Kaiser, shipbuilder, and several other industrialists, and R. J. Thomas, United Automobile Workers president; Sidney Hillman, Amalgamated Clothing Workers president; George Meany,

AFL secretary-treasurer, and Robert Watt, AFL representative.

Further developments in the peace and unity movement will be announced at this meeting.

Sen. Capeheart hailed the new peace agreement as something "that will work."

Speaking as an employer of labor, as well as a member of Congress, he declared that:

"I must express my gratitude to those responsible for inaugurating this code of principles. In my mind both management and labor have made a vital contribution to the victory, which we are speedily attaining."

"The spirit of teamwork, which has existed between these groups throughout this most vital period in our national life is in itself evidence that the spirit of progress in America is still alive. May the results of this conference be the beginning of a new era of understanding in this nation, which will serve notice on those who would divide our people that we are determined to remain united."

Sen. Kilgore declared: "The great labor-management charter goes a long way, not only now, but also in the postwar peace period toward settling our domestic difficulties."

Sen. McCarran read the entire new charter, sponsored by Johnston, Green and Murray, into the Congressional Record.

Sen. O'Mahoney joined in praising the agreement.



Along the road to Duisburg—Lt. Gen. Simpson's Ninth Army men slug their way through the big Ruhr industrial city. As Yanks drive east, infantrymen use a tank to cover their advance.

## Convict Negro Youth In Dubious Rape Case

Emilio Sanchez, 18, of 494 Claremont Parkway, Bronx, will be sentenced next month for "rape" of 19-year-old Clara Scheweloss, of 1345 Washington Ave., Bronx, last November. He was tried this week in the Bronx County Courthouse before an all-white jury.

The young woman said she was returning near midnight from the YMHA in the neighborhood of Freeman St. and Southern Blvd. When somebody called to her and, a few minutes later, shoved a hard object against her back.

A 200-pound Negro, she said, took her to a roof in the neighborhood of 1516 Washington Ave., where he kept her for an hour. She admitted she made no outcry or attempted to fight him off. She allowed him to escape ahead of her, she said. She followed and told her story to the first person she met on the street.

This person chanced to be Paul Bernstein, 19, of 1487 Washington Ave., whom she said in court she had never met before.

### NEIGHBORS

Thornton A. Meacham, Jr., and Thomas Dickens, defense attorneys, brought out in cross-examination that the young woman and Bernstein had lived around the corner from each other for seven years.

It was further brought out in court that she suffered from venereal disease at the time of the alleged attack. Testimony showed her alleged attacker did not suffer any venereal disease. Her husband, a soldier, it was further brought out, was expected home at about the time she complained she had been raped.

Sanchez was arrested on the evening of Nov 11 in the Fenway theater on Claremont Parkway and taken to the Bathgate Ave. police station. There, the Negro youth swore, he

was tortured with lighted cigarettes and cigars and was beaten to force a confession.

The young woman, brought to the station house to identify the youth, was unable to do so at first. She was taken away. Sanchez, according to his sworn testimony, was beaten and tortured in the meantime. She returned in about two hours, he said, when he was protesting his innocence, and said she could identify him by his voice.

He said he signed a prepared confession to keep from being killed.

## Asks OPA Okay Textile Pay Rise

By Federated Press

OPA Administrator Chester A. Bowles was asked by President Emil Rieve of the CIO Textile Workers Union to let the National War Labor Board order of Feb. 20, granting wage increases to 50,000 cotton textile and rayon weaving workers, go into effect at once, it was revealed yesterday.

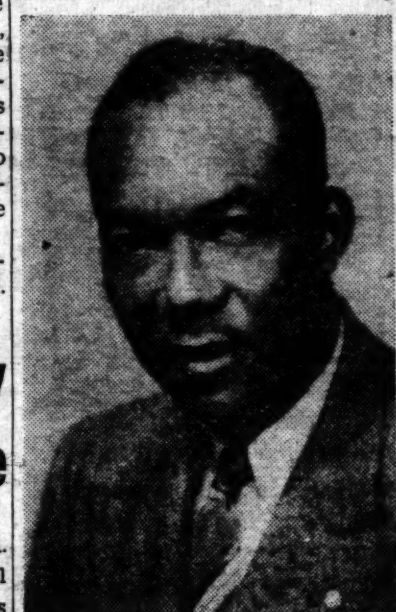
The WLB order, which approved a general wage increase of 5c hourly and lifted the minimum wage from 50c to 55c, was sent to the OPA, which is now determining whether it would involve price increases.

He urged that the WLB's directive order become effective immediately at least on those mills which have not sought price relief.

## Reelect Smith NMU Secretary

Ferdinand S. Smith, Negro labor leader, was reelected general secretary of the National Maritime Union in a special by-election which ended March 15.

The announcement was made before a membership meeting of the union at Manhattan Center by



George J. Abrams, chief investigator of the Honest Ballot Association, under whose supervision ballot counting was conducted.

Neal Hanley, who was acting secretary and a director of the NMU, and runner up of four candidates in the election, was the first to congratulate Smith.

Smith, expressing appreciation for the confidence the membership has again placed in him, said his victory was a victory over the forces represented by the World-Telegram.

Smith has since qualified and was eligible to run for reelection.

## 14 Meat Slaughterers Enjoined Here for Violating OPA Rules

The New York regional Office of Price Administration yesterday started federal court injunction proceedings against 14 meat slaughterers in the first action taken anywhere in the country under the new livestock ceiling regulations.

OPA administrator Daniel P. Woolley revealed that Federal Judge Vincent Leibel in Manhattan had signed permanent injunction orders restraining 10 slaughterers from selling, delivering, buying or receiving cattle or calves for failure to keep complete and accurate records as required by the Vinson order of Jan. 29.

Four slaughterers were enjoined in Brooklyn by Federal Judge Grover M. Moscovitz. Eleven more injunctions are expected soon in the

metropolitan area as part of OPA's investigation of 100 slaughterers. Some 150 others remain to be investigated.

### RETAILERS PAID

Woolley pointed out that the probe was started because retailers had complained that one of the causes of the black market was the excessive prices slaughterers paid for live cattle. The extra cost was passed on to retailers, he said.

"The OPA is determined to see the new regulations fully observed," Woolley said. "Slaughterers who pay ceiling prices for their cattle can sell to retailers at ceiling prices. And records of their transactions must be kept."

The 10 slaughterers enjoined in

Manhattan who sold about 200,000 pounds of meat and veal last month, much of it in New York City, are Abe Bernstein, Menter's Market, Thrift Market and Penn Packing Co., of Middletown; Frank Bros., Charles J. Schoenweiss and Harry L. Booth, Poughkeepsie; Fred J. Kille, Monroe; Max Cohen, Port Jervis, and L. L. Colligan & Son, Dover Plains.

Woolley pointed out that slaughterers are held to an over-all maximum price that may be paid for live cattle as well as an average ceiling for each accounting period, in accordance with subsidy prices. The new regulations provide increased subsidies to slaughterers and packers who keep within the ceiling price schedule.



# Yanks 184 Mi. From Berlin; Raise Polish Flag Over Danzig

**LONDON, March 30 (UP).—**The Red Army captured Danzig today and raised the Polish flag over the Baltic naval base while Soviet forces in the south surged over the Austrian frontier below Vienna.

More than 49,000 of Danzig's German garrison were killed or captured in the three-day street battle for the former Free City that gave Adolf Hitler a pretext for going to war in 1939. Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army forces also broke through to the docks and seized 45 submarines before the Germans could destroy them.

Completing their conquest of the Danzig-Gdynia port system, the Soviets gained a supply port 200 miles from the Berlin front.

While Soviet spearheads struck across the Austrian border north of Koszeg, 50 miles south of Vienna, the Red Army opened new offensives on the north bank of the Danube and south and west of Lake Balaton, engulfing more than 700 towns in advances of as much as 31 miles, Moscow announced.

The Soviets were on the march along a 200-mile southern front extending from central Czechoslovakia to the Yugoslav frontier.

## KOMARNO TAKEN

Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army gained as much as 31 miles on the north bank of the Danube, capturing the big Czechoslovak fortress of Komarno, hurdling three rivers and driving within 47 miles of Bratislava, provincial capital of Slovakia.

Four other Czechoslovak cities fell in the new offensive on a 40-mile front.

Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army meanwhile won complete control of Lake Balaton by shooting out a spearhead 20 miles beyond its western tip to Zalaegerszeg, capturing that town as well as the lakeside road center of Keszthely.

South of Lake Balaton the Soviets struck forward on a 50-mile front and advanced up to 18 miles. They broke through the German lines capturing Nagybadom, Bohony, Marczali and Nagyatad, powerful defense points covering the Nagykiszta oil basin.

## 3 ORDERS OF THE DAY

Marshal Joseph Stalin issued three orders of the day to announce the fall of Danzig and opening of the new fronts in the south.

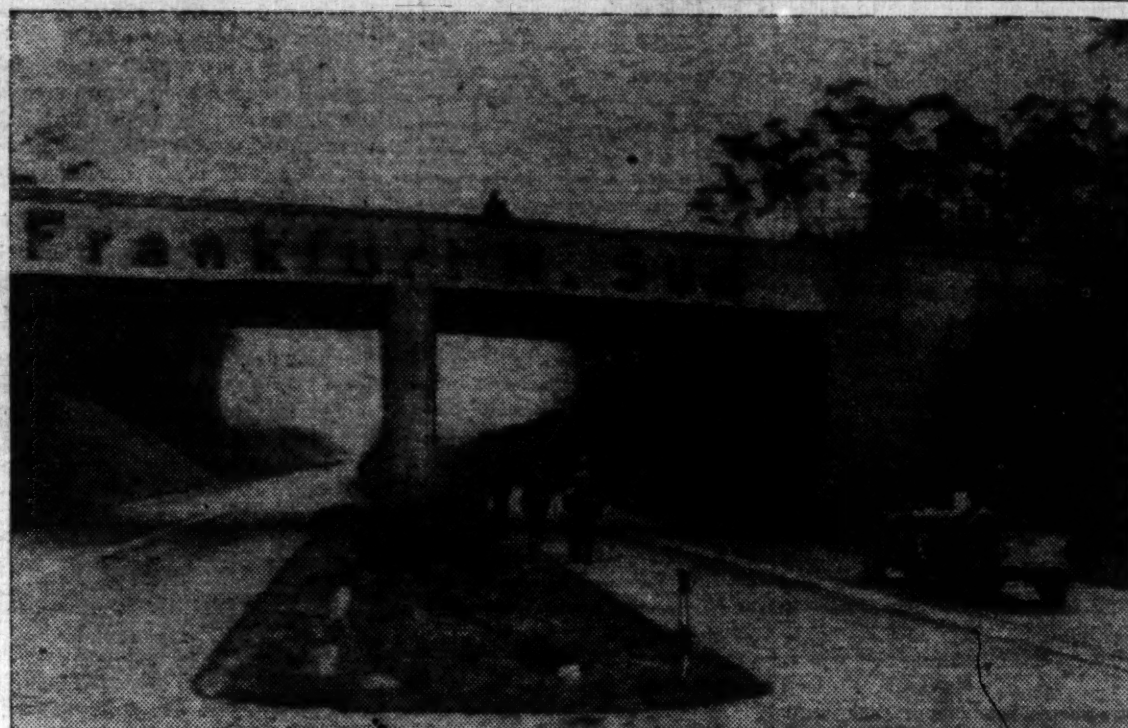
"The national flag of the Polish state has been hoisted over Danzig," Stalin announced.

Danzig, pawn of various central European interests for more than two centuries, had not been under full Polish sovereignty since the partitions of Poland in the 18th century. Taken from German and made a free port by the treaty of Versailles, Danzig was under League of Nations protection prior to 1939, although its foreign relations and commerce were largely under Polish mandate.

It was proclaimed part of the Reich on Aug. 31, and the next day Hitler's armies marched into Poland on the excuse of saving Danzig from the Poles.

Stalin reported that huge amounts of booty were captured, including 140 tanks or self-propelled guns and 358 field guns as well as the 45 submarines, the largest single bag of U-boats ever taken on any front.

Stalin saluted Lt. Gen. Poplavsky, commander of the First Polish Army, as well as 89 of his own generals for taking part in the Danzig campaign and paid tribute to "the heroes who fell in the struggle for freedom and independence of the Soviet Union and of Poland."



Oh, you take the highway and we'll take the highway—that might well have been the theme song of advancing Yanks as they won unchallenged right of way on this smooth super-parkway built by Hitler. Nazis left it undefended at this point, Frankfurt, as name on the overhead bridge shows.

## Nazis OK'd Argentine 'War' Move

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and the GOU (Colonel's Lodge). The reports, contained in statements issued by the Argentine exile Jose Gabriel and published by the Asociacion de Mayo, one of the underground groups, state that in January a Nazi submarine landed near an Argentine port with three technicians who then went to the Nazi-owned Hotel Josten. The same U-boat was said to have brought 120 tons of special steel for Denck Boehler, a steel company which distributes steel exclusively to armament plants on instructions from the Ministry of War.

This submarine was said to be operating with the aid of the black-listed Delfino navigation company. Other submarines were reported to be operating along the coast of Patagonia, where vast estates are owned by the "Establecimientos Rurales de Rio Negro Co.," which is controlled by the German Lahusen Co. One of the directors of the latter is Count Bluecher, an intimate friend of Count Luxburg and of Spanish Ambassador Bulnes.

In addition, Gabriel states, the Argentine branch of Zeiss has recently received from Germany 40 sets of air photographing equipment and many precision tools for blind flying and optical instruments for artillery. Zeiss is now producing thousands of field glasses for the Argentine army. The "Compania Platense Electricidad Siemens Schuckert" was said to have received 3,000 radio tubes for use in army portable radios bearing the German "Telefunken" trademark.

## LETTERS INTERCEPTED

Intercepted correspondence of Captain Neibuhr, former naval attaché at the German Embassy in Buenos Aires, Gabriel reports, disclosed that Argentine Admiral Scasso has been ordering war materials from Germany. In January 1945, the report adds, intercepted letters from Ludwig Freude, Coordinator of German

## Ehrenburg Raps Argentine 'Farce'

Wireless to the Daily Worker

**MOSCOW, March 30.**—Ilya Ehrenburg, writing in the Army newspaper Red Star, today branded Argentina's declaration of war on Germany as a "farce."

"Argentina's fascists have decided before it is too late to declare war on their German colleagues," he said. "Soon we shall be treated to Wurttemberg or Baden declaring war on Germany."

The "butcher Generalissimo Francisco Franco, appointed Spanish Gauleiter by Adolf Hitler," Ehrenburg added, "is getting ready to declare war on—Japan! Clearly the hangman's associates are banking on finding suckers. In this they are harkening to their master's voice, for on what other than the foolishness of others, can the Germans count now?"

[United Press quotes Ehrenburg as commenting: "I wouldn't be surprised if Franco asserted that his Blue Division, which fought on the Volkhov front, actually had fought for the Philippines. The accomplices of the executioners apparently rely on endless human stupidity."]

Associations in Argentina, disclosed that government intervention in German firms was proceeding in closest agreement with Gen. Julio Cheechi, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and with Vice-President and War Minister Col. Juan D. Peron.

## Bidault to Head French Frisco Group; Communist Also Named

**PARIS, March 30 (UP).**—The French cabinet approved today the selection of Foreign Minister Georges Bidault as head of the French delegation to the United Nations conference at San Francisco.

Bidault will be assisted by Finance Minister Rene Pleven, Minister of Health Francois Billoux (a leader of the French Communist Party), former foreign minister Joseph Paul

**PARIS, March 30 (UP).—**Nine armored columns of the American 1st and 3d Armies sprinted as much as 30 miles across Germany today on a solid 100-mile front,

spearheading within 184 miles of Berlin. Front dispatches said the demoralized enemy was quitting cold and that Germans were surrendering by the thousands.

The crack 3d Armored Division of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' 1st Army burst into the Westphalian plains above the Ruhr by entering Paderborn, and moved to within 50 miles or less of a junction with the British 2nd Army.

The U. S. 9th Army, driving eastward across the northern fringes of the Ruhr, scored a "sensational" break-through, but its gains, like those of the British 2nd, were cloaked by Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery under the strictest of security blackouts. The Ruhr with its estimated 75,000 German defenders, was virtually cut off as Hodges' and Montgomery's forces applied a great pincer.

## NEAR SUPERHIGHWAY

The 1st Army at Paderborn was only 16 miles from the great superhighway linking the Ruhr with Berlin and was 125 miles west of the Elbe, last river barrier before Berlin. Only 116 miles beyond Paderborn lay the North Sea and its great ports of Wilhelmshaven, Hamburg and Bremen, all of which were rocked by 2,300 American warplanes in a Friday daylight attack.

In the center of the front, the 1st Army's 9th Armored Division swept 30 miles during the day to reach within 14 miles southwest of Kassel at Fritzlar, and 184 miles of Berlin.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. 3rd Army, driving up along the 1st Army's southern flank, blasted out gains of 21 miles as it pushed within 137 miles of Leipzig and 122 miles of the Czech border in a drive aimed at a junction with the Soviets on the eastern front.

Patton, in a commendation message to his troops, said that since they crossed the Moselle River several weeks ago the Third Army had taken 140,142 prisoners; killed or wounded an estimated 90,000 Germans; or an average of 6,066 a day.

## TAKE HEIDELBERG

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U. S. 7th Army captured and cleared the ancient university City of Heidelberg and was battling the Germans in the Oden forest—only place on the entire western front where the Nazis were offering any kind of major resistance.

Prisoners were streaming voluntarily back to American rear areas by the thousands. The 3rd Army took an estimated 22,400 prisoners on Thursday, for a one-day record, and the 1st Army bagged 11,266, making a 24-hour total of better than two German divisions at full strength. Among the Third's total was a "high-ranking German officer."

The First Army's drive into Paderborn represented an overnight gain of 10 miles and dispatches said it could be assumed it was well past that city of 37,000 which is an 18-way rail and highway center. To the south, three other first army spearheads were on the loose. The 9th armored jumped off from Schweinsberg at 6 a. m. Friday and drove 30 miles, entering Fritzlar on the Eder.

## MONTGOMERY SPEARHEAD

To the north, Montgomery's armored spearheads, their exact location cloaked under the security blackout, were plunging toward the Westphalian capital of Muenster, 51 miles west of Paderborn, and some reports put them beyond that city, reportedly decked with the white flags.

## Yanks Quit China Airbase

**\*CHUNGKING, March 30 (UP).—**The U. S. 14th Airforce evacuated and demolished its important airbases in the Laohokow area Monday as Japanese armored columns knifed through Chinese ground defenses to the outskirts of the Nan River town, it was announced today.

## Protest Firing of EAM Supporters

The Greek American Council yesterday, in a cable to the Plastras Government, protested its new decree discharging EAM supporters from all public employment.

The decree, which was just published, declares that all those who participated in the "revolution" of last December will be discharged from all public employment. This is a direct violation of the Varkiza agreement between the EAM and the government.



# Planters Ask Gov't to Enforce Negro Peonage

CHICAGO, March 30.—Two instances where southern Negro farm workers who moved into northern plants for a better livelihood may be extradited back to virtual peonage in Mississippi cotton fields unless the policies of the U. S. Employment Service and the War Relocation Authority are changed, was brought to light here today.

One such case discovered in Joliet, Ill., affects three war workers, William Williams, William Greene and Sam Adams. One of them was being paid \$1.06 an hour as a machine helper in comparison with his Mississippi pay of \$1 a day. They are now out of work because the Farm Extension Service in Mississippi had required the Joliet USES to notify the war plants that the men could not stay on the job and must be returned to their former jobs in the south.

Efforts to keep them from being sent back to southern plantations turned today to preparations for an appeal for their transfer from jurisdiction of the Mississippi farm extension service to that of the same bureau in Illinois.

The appeal to the War Food Administration in Washington is being prepared by the Illinois Interracial Commission, the Chicago Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People and a committee formed in Joliet. The Farm Extension Service is a subsidiary of the WPA.

A similar case concerns Peter Coates, Jr., former resident of Mississippi, who worked a farm under lease for five years with an average weekly income of \$4.75. Early this year he came to Indianapolis with his wife and son and obtained employment at the International Harvester company under a six week's permit from the local USES. At the end of six weeks the company referred him back to the USES where he was informed that a demand had come from Yazoo City that he be sent back there for farm labor.

The Indianapolis Agricultural Workers Division of USES, upon being contacted by Lowell Trice, NAACP president, suggested appeal procedure which places the government in a conspiracy with tobacco and cotton interests to keep a supply of cheap Negro labor pinned to the southern farms. The persons who judge Coates' appeal are the very persons who have insisted that he be returned to farm labor in Mississippi.



Full of confidence, Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower pauses during a tour of the front to chat with an officer of the 30th Division at the U. S. Ninth Army headquarters in Germany.

# Foster Shows How Lewis Got His Coal Strike Vote

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

The official tabulation of the government-conducted strike vote in the coal industry shows that of a total of 311,500 miners entitled to vote 208,718 voted in favor of a walkout in case their demands were rejected, while 25,156 voted against a strike. Immediately, therefore, the press of the country shouted that the soft coal miners, by a vote of 8 to 1, had decided in favor of a strike.

But the issue is by no means that simple. Not by the wildest stretch can the vote of the miners be interpreted as a mandate for a real strike. For one thing, over 100,000 miners either did not vote for the strike or actually voted against it. So, at the most, Lewis got only about a 67 percent strike vote, which can hardly be construed as a mandate for the hazardous and unpatriotic enterprise of conducting a national coal strike in wartime. Besides, there are 137,000 coal miners in the armed forces who did not vote at all and who, judging from the way the auto workers in the Army, Navy and Air Force voted on the question of the no-strike pledge, would have cast their ballots almost unanimously against a strike. They would have reduced Lewis' so-called majority strike vote to zero, or less.

Undoubtedly many miners, isolated from the rest of the labor movement and not realizing that other unions are making much better progress than the UMWA, consider Lewis an effective leader, and on this basis voted for his strike proposals. But their ranks were greatly augmented by various tricks and pressures.

## CONFUSED ISSUE

For one thing, the vast Lewis machine presented the voting issue to the miners not as for or against a strike, but as to whether or not they favored the union's demands. Tens of thousands of "sample" ballots were scattered throughout the soft coal areas, making it appear that a "yes" vote simply supported the union demands, and a "no" vote rejected them. Lewis' officials also widely told the miners

that if they voted "no" it would mean giving up their demands and virtually surrendering to the coal operators. They also made it appear that a failure of the vote might well break up the UMWA. Such deception undoubtedly swayed scores of thousands of miners to vote "Yes."

So far as a strike was concerned, the Lewis propaganda, voiced by hundreds of officials, was kept out of the picture altogether. The miners were assured in the most positive terms that there would be no strike, that Lewis had no such intentions, and that the only thing involved was that a "Yes" vote would give Lewis strong bargaining power in the negotiations with the coal operators and the government. Such tricky arguments were decisive with large numbers of miners, who felt sure, anyway, that if a strike appeared imminent the government would step in, take over the mines and assure continuous production. So, why not vote "Yes," they reasoned.

## ELEMENT OF FEAR

Then, in analyzing how Lewis got his "Yes" vote, the element of fear must also be taken into account. Lewis and his airtight machine, with millions of dollars at their disposal and ruthless in their tactics, have established such a domination in the UMWA, and throughout the coal industry, that great numbers of miners actually live in fear of Lewis. Nor could the fact that the balloting was held under government auspices reassure the miners that Lewis' henchmen would not find it out if they voted "No." Fear of the Lewis machine in the coal areas also undoubtedly kept many other patriotic citizens from taking a stand against a pro-strike vote.

Lewis had it all the easier to roll up a majority of the votes cast

because he had no organized opposition, either inside or outside of the union, except for scattered and weak left-progressive elements. The leaders of the AFL and the CIO did not speak out and urge the miners to vote to uphold labor's no-strike pledge. The newspapers in the coal areas, mostly reactionary Republican, were quite unexcited over the strike matter, being more interested in fighting Roosevelt than Lewis. Nor did the various patriotic organizations of citizens speak out against a strike. Only one side of the case was presented to the miners. So Lewis had a free hand to propagandize the miners as he saw fit, and he utilized his opportunity to the full.

## DANGER OF STRIKE

By such demagogic and terroristic methods as the foregoing, Lewis managed to roll up a majority of the votes cast. Although, as we have seen, this majority is a pretty dubious one, this does not mean that there is no strike danger. Quite the contrary, we can be sure that if on April 1 the miners have not succeeded in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the coal operators, they will walk out of the soft coal mines all over the country, on the general policy of "No contract, no work." Strong union discipline will hold in line the 100,000 who either did not vote at all or who voted against a strike.

That is, the miners will strike solidly all over the country unless, in the meantime, the government takes over the operation of the mines. This should be done at once and the machinery set into motion to satisfy the miners' justified demands. There must be no strike, not even for only a few days. For even a short strike could have serious consequences against the interests of the national war effort, against the welfare of the coal miners themselves and against the standing of the labor movement in general.

# Albany Failure to Aid OPA Hit by ALP

Failure of the New York State Legislature to adopt a program for state enforcement of OPA regulations was criticized yesterday by the State American Labor Party.

The current ALP newsletter noted that among other things the Legislature did not provide were a state health insurance program, an effective program of child care, a state wages and hours law, increased state aid to cities, reduction of the voting age to 18, a plan for development of public power particularly in rural areas, a \$1,500 minimum salary and proper grievance machinery for state employees.

Measures to affect these and several other needed reforms were placed before the Legislature but were turned down by the GOP leaders, frequently upon the insistence of the Governor.

Sen. Thomas C. Desmond, Independent Republican from Orange County, sponsored and pushed through the Senate a measure to increase state penalties for OPA violations above the current ridiculous \$25 fine or five days in jail, but the measure was held up in the Assembly Rules Committee.

The ALP noted that certain progressive actions were taken, including passage of the permanent FEPC bill, institution of commercial rent control, partial increases in state aid to education and establishment of a state veterans' agency. These things were won, it was stressed, as a result of increased nonpartisan political activity on the part of the people.

# Diamond Cartel Assets Frozen

The Department of Justice has won one round in its fight with the international diamond cartel. In an important decision, Judge Samuel Mandelbaum, of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, issued a temporary injunction last Wednesday freezing all assets of the cartel in this country.

The government charges that the cartel, consisting of nine British and Belgian companies and controlling 95 percent of the world output of industrial and gem diamonds, blocked accumulation of a stockpile of industrial diamonds for military purposes by the United States.

Judge Mandelbaum issued the freeze order against the cartel pending final disposition of the charges that the companies violated the Sherman anti-trust and the Wilson tariff acts.

The judge said he was convinced that if the assets of the cartel were not frozen "the assets of the corporate defendants will in all probability be withdrawn from this country."

# Accept Riverton But Keep Fighting--Davis

The proposed Riverton housing project for Harlem will provide shelter for both Negro and white tenants, though Negroes will predominate, since they predominate in the community, Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., told a 135 St. branch library forum Thursday night. Davis spoke on the affirmative of the question whether Negroes should accept this project which the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. plans for postwar Harlem.

Miss Layle Lane, of the March on Washington Movement, contended that since Metropolitan Life had barred Negroes from its Stuyvesant Town project, its offer of Riverton was "appeasement" and that the Negro people, instead of accepting it, should fight to do away with discrimination in the whole Metropolitan setup.

"Riverton must be an interracial project," Davis said. "It will of course be predominately Negro because the community is predominately Negro. It is true that the project was probably given to Harlem because we fought so hard against Stuyvesant Town. Metropolitan Life probably thought also that if they gave us this we'd quiet down. Well, they're wrong. We'll accept Riverton and continue to fight against discrimination in Stuyvesant Town."

He said that the fight for the right of Negroes to live wherever they were able to rent or buy must also be kept up.

Frank Montero, of the New York Urban League, introduced the speakers and served as moderator.

# Nassau Women to Hold Forum on Peace

Every women's organization in Nassau County, Long Island, has united to sponsor the all-day forum on peace, April 18, at Cathedral House, Garden City.

The afternoon session will be a panel discussion led by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt on what to do with Germany and Japan. Representatives of the British, Soviet and Chinese embassies will speak on what peace means to the women of their countries.

Mrs. Vera Micheles Dean, of the Foreign Policy Association, will represent American women.

## News Capsules

# Mosquito's Love Call

THREE TECHNICIANS yesterday reported they had successfully recorded the mating call of a mosquito, in an effort to discover whether mosquitoes could be lured to destruction by transcriptions of other mosquitoes' love notes. Their article in Science magazine said that when three mosquitoes were placed in a test tube and the recording of a female mosquito in a mating mood was piped in, the antennae of the male mosquitoes all turned in the direction of the sound. The Scientists are staff members at Cornell University Medical College.

The WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION yesterday notified driers it will pay three cents a pound less for dried egg powder after April 1. The action is expected to curtail drying opera-

tions, making available larger egg supplies for civilians and the Army.

More than 1,000 soldiers attended a PASSOVER festival in Krefeld, Thursday night, marking the first time services had been held in a Jewish chapel in Germany in many years. "We mark this time," the rabbi leader said, "as a restoration of religious freedom to a people long blinded by hate, by fear, by greed and pagan symbolism."

When a woman in Pittsburgh came in applying for ration books, she was asked how she lost her old books. "We didn't lose them. We never had any," replied the woman. "How have you been eating all this time?" the ration official asked. "Oh," she replied, "We have been eating with relatives and friends."



## Union Lookout

Donates Blood 16 Times  
CIO Workers Back Sister Kenny

by Dorothy Loeb



Steve Petrovitch, 56, a Hungarian American, is ringing up a blood donation record in Cleaners and Dyers Local 239 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. Petrovitch has given blood 16 times so far and keeps on giving regularly as fast as the Red Cross will let him come. In tribute to his achievements (he's a champ in all union war activities), fellow local members are giving him a dinner April 7, at Tom Mooney Hall, 13 Astor Pl. It'll be a dance as well. . . . Add to your list of war activity champs Joint Council 13 of the CIO United Shoe Workers. Their members contributed 100,000 (yes, one hundred thousand) cans of milk for relief for the children of Italy.

The CIO Political Action Committee in Newark is actively participating in municipal council elections. PAC is supporting four candidates all-out and recommending a fifth. The four top liners are Mayor Vincent J. Murphy, Public Affairs Director John A. Brady, Public Property Director Ralph A. Villani and Meyer C. Ellenstein. Recommended to all CIO unions for endorsement is Leo V. Carlin, an AFL man, rated as a "favorite son." Mayor Murphy, by the way, is state secretary-treasurer of the Jersey AFL. . . . PAC picked the candidates it backs on the basis of their platform for full employment in Newark after V-E day, according to Katherine Hoffman, chairman. Also running for City Council is a quartet on a "Citizens Ticket" which, Miss Hoffman said, had been hand-picked by a political machine. She said they had no program beyond a promise of economy which precludes any city building construction for the next five or 10 years.

The Nurses' Council of the CIO Hospital Employees Union in New York has joined the drive to aid Sister Elizabeth Kenny, founder of the Kenny method for treatment of infantile paralysis. . . . The New York CIO War Chest has broadened its activities to include veterans welfare, blood donations, clothing collections, war bond drives and community relations as well as raising funds for war relief, under a board of directors' decision. Jacob S. Potofsky, general secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, is chair chairman and Dick Henry is executive director. . . . Shop stewards of the Bath, Me., Local 50 of the CIO shipbuilders have endorsed the Bretton Woods economic agreement and called on Congress to give its approval. "We, a shipbuilders' union, know that our future employment depends on world trade, worldwide shipping and above all on United Nations cooperation," said their resolution.

Unionists in Memphis, Tenn., are eager to see justice done in the case of Mrs. Recy Taylor, young Alabama Negro. Mrs. Taylor was the victim of a rape attack by known white hoodlums and there is a national campaign on to bring her attackers to book. The executive board of Local 19 of the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers in Memphis appropriated \$100 for her defense. In addition, \$50 was collected from individuals. Local members are collecting signatures on petitions asking justice for Mrs. Taylor and more money is coming in. Moreover, Joseph W. Hellinger, Local 19 business agent, took the matter up with the First Baptist Church congregation in Memphis and collected another \$40 for the committee.

The United Steelworkers has organized the timekeepers at Crucible Steel, Harrison, N. J., and is asking an NLRB election among them. . . . A Maryland Citizens Council has been formed to promote more harmonious relations between labor and management and to mobilize support for Bretton Woods and Dumbarton Oaks decisions. Donald Nelson, former War Production Board chairman and Tom Connor, state CIO-PAC director, were speakers at a recent council meeting. . . . Joseph Fitzgerald, newly-elected president of the UE Local at Sperry Gyroscope, has left for the army. Paul Jennings, vice-president, has assumed his duties.

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## First NLRB Poll Joined In by Gls Results in Victory for CIO Union

The first National Labor Relations Board poll in which uniformed soldiers, furloughed to war production, were among the voters resulted in a CIO victory, it was announced yesterday.

The poll took place at the Murray Manufacturing Co., Brooklyn, where the CIO United Electric

cal, Radio and Machine Workers opposed the Machinists and Electrical Workers Independent Union.

The 65 soldiers, assigned by the Army to vital war work, were included on the eligible voters' list. The final tally was CIO, 664; independent, 338; no union, 17. Approximately 40 percent of the shop's personnel are Negroes.

## Erudite Probe Fails to Find Fascist Danger

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The learned men of the Brookings Institute, conservative research organization with a big business slant, have studied the subject of un-American activities—and have come up with some resounding generalities.

The Institute's report was made at the request of Rep. Edward J. Hart (D-NJ), chairman of the House Committee on un-American activities. Hart turned over to the Institute about 50 letters from prominent Americans giving their definitions of un-Americanism.

Most specific of five yardsticks given by the Institute for judging un-American activities is anything that "hinders the prosecution of any war" in which the United States is engaged or "attempts to prevent the nation from preparing for such a war.

For the rest, the Institute enumerates attempts by force or deceit to bar any person from exercising constitutional rights, attempts to "substitute a totalitarian or autocratic government" for one based on law, actions against the United States "to advance the interests of a foreign nation or organization, attempts to change the "American system of government by any other method than by amendment to the constitution."

Missing from the yardsticks were any direct references to fascism or racial and religious bigotry.

## Freed Civilians Reach Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30 (UP).—Grinning and cheering American civilians freed from Japanese internment camps in the Philippines arrived aboard a Navy transport today.

There were 336 liberated men, women and children of Santo Tomas and other concentration centers.

It was the first large group of liberated civilians to reach the mainland from the Philippines. A few had arrived previously one by one or in small groups.

## Reid Robinson Hails Labor-Capital Charter

CHICAGO, March 30.—Reid Robinson, president of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, and vice-president of the CIO, today expressed enthusiastic sup-

port of CIO participation in the code of principles for postwar industrial peace announced by the presidents of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce the CIO and the AFL. Robinson sent the following telegram to CIO president Philip Murray:

"The labor-management code of principles is a far reaching action having tremendous implications for postwar full employment. This charter will inspire national confidence in the outlook for peace and progress. Your role in initialing this move to continue and improve wartime labor-management cooperating into the postwar period will receive wholehearted commendation from workers throughout the nation."

Jack Winocur, president of a CIO union representing 2,500 merchant marine radio officers, yesterday wired Philip Murray congratulating him, and William Green and Eric Johnston, on the new charter.

Winocur, speaking for Local 2 of the CIO American Communications Association, declared the charter lays the basis for collaboration to achieve a new world.

"We shall cooperate with employers in the maritime industry and continue our no-strike pledge to make the charter a reality in our field," he said.

Aaron Schneider, executive director of Local 1 of the CIO United Office & Professional Workers, also wired commendation to Murray.

"Your agreement with industry is the most forward step towards strengthening national unity since the no-strike pledge," he said. "We are proud of your superb leadership."

## Fight for Chickens

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., March 30 (UP).—A riot squad was sent to the municipal market today to subdue women shoppers.

Hair-pulling and bedlam broke loose when the shoppers found few chickens available for their Easter dinners.

## Hearst Joins Woll, Dubinsky Attack on World Labor Unity

The Hearst chain of newspapers has taken up the fight of the AFL's most reactionary group and David Dubinsky's Social Democrats against the World Trade Union Conference held at London.

The opening shot was an editorial in the Thursday issue of the New York Journal-American and on the editorial pages of the pro-fascist chain from coast to coast.

A cartoon accompanying the editorial shows Hearst's usual be-whiskered Bolshevik delighted with a new-born babe labeled as the new labor international.

The editorial carries exactly the same type of denunciation of the 50,000,000-strong new world body that has come from Matthew Woll of the AFL, Dubinsky's press and

the journals of the Trotskyites and Norman Thomas' Socialists.

The fact that the Soviet trade unions have a membership of 27,502,000, is presented as evidence that they have a controlling hold upon the new movement. Nothing is said of the fact that the Soviet trade unions received only as many representatives as either the CIO, French, British or other of the major participants.

The Hearst editorial raises the bogey of "disintegration of the AFL" that this new international is supposed to be plotting.

Like Woll and Dubinsky, the Hearst editorial embraces the defunct International Federation of Trade Unions as the only expression of "free" trade unions.

## Bars Settling Of Film Strike

HOLLYWOOD, March 30 (UP).—Strike leader Herbert Sorrell threatened today to prolong a walk-out of 3,500 craftsmen in the movie industry until he has won bargaining rights for 78 set decorators.

The National Labor Relations Board yesterday reversed itself in case of the Screen Actors Guild and the Screen Players' Union case by giving SAG exclusive jurisdiction over players doing bits, stunts and parts, leaving SPU the right to represent only extras. The NLRB previously had given SPU the right to bargain for extras doing bits or stunts.

Sorrell's AFL Conference of Studio Unions struck March 12 when the AFL International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees claimed the right to represent 78 set decorators. Producers want the NLRB to settle this jurisdictional dispute, but Sorrell indicated he wanted no traffic with the NLRB after its reversal in the extras' case.

## 11,500 Strike at Hudson Plants

DETROIT, March 30 (UP).—A spokesman for the Hudson Motor Car Co. said that 11,500 United Auto Workers members were on strike at two plants today.

The company said the workers struck in sympathy with 110 inspectors, who walked out two days ago.

The Regional War Labor Board ordered Claude Bland, president of UAW Local 154, and four other union officials and company representatives to appear today to show cause why the strike should not be ended.

The walkout began yesterday in protest against discharge of a union steward accused by the company of ordering a slowdown in production of parts for military aircraft.

## Pamphlet on U. S. Immigration Policy

The historical development of America's immigration policy is carefully analyzed in a new 32-page pamphlet just issued by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. The pamphlet, The Challenge of Our Immigration Laws, is written by Jack Wasserman, a member of the Board of Immigration Appeals of the United States Department of Justice.

A copy of the new pamphlet can be obtained by sending 15 cents, in stamps or coin, to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 23 W. 26 St., New York 10.

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## The Voting Proposals

THE Anglo-Soviet-American proposal to give greater voting strength to our own country and the Soviet Union in the world security organization is no more than a recognition of realities. And the basic reality is this: the Dumbarton Oaks plan will work only if it gets away from the old League of Nations idea that all countries have the same responsibilities in preventing aggression. The fact of the matter is that all countries do not have the same responsibilities because they do not have the same strength. A world organization will work only if the preeminent role of the great powers is recognized.

There has been quite an effort by many enemies of the coalition and Dumbarton Oaks to play the small countries off against the great ones, to misuse the General Assembly, and counterpose it to the Security Council. Herbert Hoover made such a proposal the other day. Strengthening American and Soviet representation in the Assembly will tend to block that.

Actually, the Bretton Woods plan has the same idea. Not all countries have the same votes under the Bretton Woods plan. The countries contributing the most money have the most votes, which is simply a recognition of their decisive role in the whole project. The Yalta proposal has the same elementary thought in it.

As for the two Soviet republics—Belorussia and the Ukraine—it should be remembered that they have borne the brunt of this war. They want to take a greater role in world affairs, as they have already in their dealings with Poland. It is time the world realized that the USSR is more of an authentic federation of free nations than many of the gerry-built federations which are being put forward, particularly under British auspices. Even Churchill acknowledged that by his support for Stalin's and Roosevelt's proposals.

We welcome the idea of three votes for the United States and its possessions, first because we favor anything that will strengthen the role of the great powers, and second, because we are glad to see "the possessions" brought into the open. We would like to see this pave the way for Puerto Rico to sit in the world organization as a step toward its full independence.

Of course, the enemies of Yalta and Dumbarton Oaks are yapping their heads off. Even an otherwise responsible paper like the Herald Tribune delights in having "exposed" its own government, although it must admit editorially that the proposal has intrinsic merit. Mr. Vandenberg dons the toga of the small nations defender, giving us one more proof that his major worry is the unity and power of the great nations. But our people must see through the smokescreen and uphold this very unity and greater responsibility of the big powers—especially ourselves and the USSR—because that is the key to a successful peace.

## Seizure Is the Only Step

SECRETARY of Labor Frances Perkins' optimistic prediction of an agreement evaporated overnight. A coal strike still threatens, with all its implications of a stab against the war effort.

The people still hope that quick government seizure of the mines will avert any stoppage. Continuance of production is of paramount importance.

Lewis accepted a compromise proposal which developed through Miss Perkins' intervention, while the operators turned it down, according to press accounts.

Lewis dropped the much-publicized demand for 10 cents a ton royalties toward a health insurance fund, although the need for such insurance, which other unions are winning without a strike, has not lessened in the coal fields. In like manner, Lewis had earlier dropped his much-advertised professed desire to "break" the Little Steel formula.

Much can be said of these Lewis maneuvers, as we will on later occasions. But the one plain lesson that should be evident to all is the complete falsity of Lewis' claim that if left alone with the operators he could obtain a settlement.

The fact is that after a month of negotiations Lewis has not obtained anything. Only when the government intervened did concessions to the miners begin to shape.

Nevertheless, between Lewis' irresponsible anti-administration spitefulness and the equally irresponsible operator lust for profits, the country has no escape from a dangerous strike but government seizure.

The government should seize the mines over the weekend and appeal to the miners to forego the usual Easter Monday stoppage from work. This they should do to keep up with the pace of our advancing soldiers.

## LABOR AND MANAGEMENT TOGETHER



Between the Lines

## Danger--Stop, Look, Listen!

by Joseph Starobin

BETWEEN the Crimea and San Francisco conferences, a great deal of smoke is being generated about the Dumbarton Oaks plan. And where there is smoke, there is fire. And where there is fire, somebody may get burned.

To speak, frankly, there are powerful forces in our own country—unquestionably within our government, also—who want to turn the San Francisco parley into an occasion for reviewing the Yalta agreement. So many modifications of the Dumbarton Oaks plan are being offered—and applauded—that the project itself is being endangered. And to top it all, a strange monkey business is going on over the representation of certain countries at the security parley.



Taking the last matter first, let us contrast the delay in letting Poland come to the parley with the evident eagerness to have Argentina there.

In the case of Poland, the formation of a government of national unity, as agreed at Yalta, has been so far delayed. There is enough danger of Poland's absence that the Provisional Government in Warsaw made a public appeal for an invitation only the other day. The Warsaw leaders would not have done this if they had felt that a government of national unity, based upon the existing provisional government (as Yalta said) would be formed before April 25.

The reason it has not been formed lies in the effort of men like Mikolajczyk and Socialists around him to get top place in the new government. These characters who missed the bus last autumn, who refused to unite with the living forces of their own people, are now making a bid for the driver's seat. And nobody can tell me that they are acting purely on their own.

On the other hand, the State Department has welcomed Argentina's hypocritical declaration of war; the British Foreign Office

spokesman sounds as though he had swallowed the canary . . . and the stage is being set to push Argentina into a seat at San Francisco. It may even occur to dull-witted people like you and me that somebody is offering a bargain—"accept Argentina and you can have your Poland."

### Regional Issues Raised

Then there is the whole issue of regional security systems and Dumbarton Oaks. You will recall that many Latin American countries at the Mexico City parley last month insisted upon the automatic functioning of the Inter-American security system, outside the jurisdiction of the Security Council.

To a certain extent, Great Britain has several such automatic systems in her commonwealth and in the Middle East. France has a similar idea. Along comes Herbert Hoover with the same type of proposal—a system of regional councils which would not operate subject to the jurisdiction of the Big Three, but outside that jurisdiction.

This problem must be sharply distinguished from the issue of voting arrangements in General Assembly (which has just been announced as I write this column, and with which I will deal next week).

My main point is that the jurisdiction of the Security Council must be upheld over the entire world; otherwise regional authority degenerates into regional blocs.

### Hoover Utters Oaks Death Sentence

But far more important than the above is the very real position of Herbert Hoover, and Walter Lippmann. The latter gentleman once wrote a book proclaiming the virtues of a "nuclear alliance," of long-range solidarity among the great powers. But in two re-

cent columns, he has suddenly become very tentative about his nuclear alliance. He wants it to be open for revision within 10 years. He suddenly decides that San Francisco must not rush matters. It must all be provisional.

Lippmann doesn't have the guts to say what Hoover says out loud. This well-known apple salesman has now come forth with some rotten acorns, out of which no Dumbarton Oaks can grow. He openly tells Marshal Stalin that Soviet citizens on the Baltic shores must look forward to breaking away from the Soviet Union through a "war for freedom" some 10 years from now.

Hoover laments for Germany, a poor "submerged" nation who must be given every opportunity for "dynamic change" . . . he also proposes to make the decisions of this "onerous peace," the "gigantic wrongs" of this war subject to review by the world organization.

And unless he has his way, says Hoover, the American delegate on the Security Council must not be given full powers. He must be subject to decisions of the House and Senate Foreign Relations Committee. This is a roundabout way of subjecting the workability of the proposed organization to American politicians.

And so far not a single newspaper has taken issue with Hoover, not a single Congressman . . . indeed, Arthur Krock in the N. Y. Times thinks Hoover's simply wonderful and should have been invited to represent this country in Frisco!

Let us have no illusions that our Allies do not read American newspapers, and do not know what is going on. And let it be clearly understood that Hoover's advice is tantamount to infanticide—murder of the Dumbarton Oaks baby at birth. Will the American people really be party to that? The world would like to know before April 25.

## Worth Repeating

SEGREGATION'S EVILS are indicted by Robert W. Kenny, Attorney General of California, in an address in Los Angeles, published in semi-monthly NOW for the first half of March, and concluding with these words: Segregation has no proper place in a country which professes America's founding documents. Segregation has, I believe, nothing to support it but itself. It should end.



# Today's Guest Column

THE Farrell-Peron government declared war on the Axis early this week. Does that 11th hour act alone qualify them for the inter-American system? Does it admit them to the United Nations? Does it give them a ticket to San Francisco?

To borrow a well-known writer's style the simplest answer would seem to be, "A fascist is a fascist." A dipsomaniac doesn't become sober simply by declaring his intention to swear off liquor.

Last summer, Secretary of State Cordell Hull at a press conference charged that Argentina was the headquarters of the fascist movement in the western hemisphere. At about the same time the then Undersecretary, Edward R. Stettinius, made it clear that the Argentine problem "involves not only the immediate security of the hemisphere but the future solidarity and well-being of all free peoples of the Americas." He added, "We don't want fascism in this hemisphere."

On Sept. 29 of last year, President Roosevelt issued a statement in which he said the Argentine situation "presents the extraordinary paradox of the growth of Nazi-fascist influence and the increasing application of Nazi-fascist methods in a country of this hemisphere, at the very time that those forces of oppression and aggression are drawing ever closer to the



by Frederick V. Field

hour of final defeat and judgment in Europe and elsewhere in the world."

AT THIS time it is well to bear in mind these forceful condemnations of the Farrell-Peron regime, for the policy of crushing fascism in the western hemisphere is in grave danger of being repudiated. While we are killing the rats at our front door we may be letting them in by the back door. And this arises from the tragic fact that at the recent Mexico City Inter-American Conference we left that back door open. According to some of my anti-fascist Argentine friends, Mexico City not only left the door open but put out a mat on the back porch saying, "Welcome Rats!"

Has anything changed since the denunciations of the Farrell-Peron government by the leaders of our nation? Yes, much has changed. The anti-fascist coalition is overwhelmingly stronger than it was eight months ago. Yet paradoxically we find ourselves faced with a major menace in Latin America with respect to which the forces of appeasement have made dangerous gains.

Within Argentina, the only discernible changes have been the further isolation of the fascist regime and the strengthening of the democratic forces of the Argentine people. There has been no alteration in "the increasing application of Nazi-fascist methods" by the Farrell-Peron government. Circumstances have forced upon that government the purely

## Argentine Fascists At the Back Door

demagogic maneuver of a declaration of war upon Japan and Germany, a declaration devoid of any meaning whatsoever in terms of defeating those enemy powers. Yet we find ourselves in the fantastic danger of welcoming this hated fascist clique into the family of democratic nations.

THERE can be no doubt but that on the Argentine question our government, and particularly the State Department, are under tremendous pressure from forces within the United Nations, from forces in the western hemisphere and from groups in the United States whose policies, whether consciously or unconsciously, serve the fascist enemy.

These forces must be met with a thundering response from all the anti-fascist people of our nation. We must support the President and the Secretary of State in carrying out the promise of Yalta. We must strengthen their hands against the pressures from the appeasers. We must enable them to resolve major conflicts, such as the Anglo-American commercial rivalry for Latin American markets, which bear directly upon the Argentine problem.

We must fortify our government in every way so that it may maintain the strong anti-fascist Argentine policy expressed a few months ago by the President and by Mr. Hull and Mr. Stettinius. In doing so we must not forget that the ultimate solution of the Argentine problem rests with the Argentine people themselves. To these brave people we must give all possible aid in the common objective of overthrowing fascism in Argentina.

## Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Hearst's Real Aim In Red-Baiting

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In Hearst's March 15, there appears a chief editorial entitled *The Reds Make Hay*. It goes on to attack the War Department for permitting Communists or alleged Communists to be officers in the Army. But one of the main reasons why it raises the red scare in this respect, it gives out at the end of the editorial. Then it says: "And, while this is going on, the New Deal is giving the American people a very thorough treatment IN REGIMENTATION, affecting every detail of their lives, WHICH CLOSELY RESEMBLES THE RUSSIAN PLAN." (The caps are Hearst's.)

In other words, this pro-Axis paper is still trying to get in the minds of the people that the regulations necessary to carry on the war are something unnecessary and "red." T. T.

College Presidents On Military Service

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the Harvard Alumni Bulletin of Feb. 17, there appear two open letters to President Roosevelt on the question of peacetime military training. Twelve of the college presidents said "no" to this proposal, while a week later (Feb. 3) 14 college presidents said "yes."

It is interesting to notice the name of president James B. Conant of Harvard in opposition to peacetime military training. Conant favored this proposal until he saw the unity of the Allies at Teheran and then he switched. Could this be because he had hoped that our military establishment would be used against the Soviet Union, but didn't like the idea of its being used to keep the fascist nations from new aggression?

It's a happy thing to see President Karl T. Compton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology coming out for the proposal. Alex M.

Colorado Daily Paper Praises Anti-Bias Law

Boulder, Colo.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I left New York for Colorado just after the Albany hearing on the Ives-Quinn bill and felt with the rest of its supporters that its passage by New York, the first state to take any action of this kind, would have an important positive effect on the other states.

The Boulder Daily Camera of March 13 bears me out. In its chief editorial, it says: "New York State today became the first state in the Union to enact a law making religious or racial prejudice in selecting workers a punishable offense." And adds: "Similar legislation is being considered by seven other states and also by Congress."

"It is all right to talk of religious freedom and racial equality (although we don't have it) but even those two points in themselves are not enough. We must go beyond that." C. C.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

## Views On Labor News

CONTINUING our discussion on Milton Murray, president of the American Newspaper Guild who calls Harry Bridges a "misleader," sneers at Teheran and hunts for "splits" in the CIO, I think an estimate of his performance ought to be quite educational to those Guild members who advanced him for the post he holds.

As he writes in the March 23 Guild Reporter, he was attracted to "this union business" by the idea of "more money and less work." Guild members will recall that he and his associates campaigned largely on a "pork chop" basis, appealing to those who would exclude political or international issues in the Guild. He led a crusade against "Communists," meaning all those progressives who, along with Heywood Brown, helped found the Guild and developed it to the high point it reached by the time Murray and associates stepped in.

Time marches on and many old-time conservative Guild members I meet have changed too. Few today will argue that the Guild's stand in support of anti-Franco Spain was something that didn't belong in a labor organization.

But there is little change in the Guild's strength. The promised influx of many thousands of members when the so-called "Com-



by George Morris

munists" are out of leadership, has not come. The Guild's membership through the war years, a period when almost every labor organization grew substantially, did not rise. Only New York has shown a substantial growth—some 20 percent in the past year alone.

Too many collective bargaining elections have been lost for comfort. Obviously, newspaper employees outside of the Guild, aren't attracted these days. This is also a reflection of an internal feeling. Dissatisfaction is rife everywhere over the mishandling of wage issues and a failure to win the maximum possible under wartime controls. This complaint comes largely from locals where Murray has had strong support.

BUT in addition to being incompetent, Guild officers are inspired by forces that are bitter enemies of CIO policy. Sam Eubanks, executive vice-president of the Guild, for example, is an active director of the Workers Defense League. This is a front organization for Trotskyites and Norman Thomas Socialists who have pursued a defeatist course throughout the war. The WDL was also one of the chief campaigners for the release of the 18 imprisoned Trotskyite fifth columnists in Minneapolis who openly denounced our war policy and schemed to demoralize our armed forces. At its convention in December, A. Philip

## Fruits of Red-Baiting In the Newspaper Guild

Randolph, the keynoter, said this is "not a war for freedom" and that he did not know of a "single Negro anywhere" who supports the war. Eubanks was an enthusiastic participant in that convention heading the committee that sponsored its resolution against conscription.

Murray's view on United Nations unity, his attacks upon Bridges, his continued Goebbels-like redbaiting, and his speech at the recent meeting of the CIO's executive board siding with those who would scrap the no-strike pledge, should indicate the source of his inspiration.

INSTEAD of uniting the Guild and developing teamwork of all its constructive elements, the Murray-Eubanks policy has been to work more closely with the Trotskyites, Socialists and David Dubinsky's Social Democrats within the Guild who are today boring from within for John L. Lewis.

I think that most Guild members would not touch these friends of Murray and Eubanks with a ten-foot pole. I also know that even most of the conservative but sincere members are getting a bit tired of all this double-dealing policies in the Guild and would like to see some straight shooting for a change.

And I also think that a realization is growing that the issues are not "right" vs. "left" as the factionalists would have it, but unity of all who sincerely adhere and fight for CIO policy.

## Facts for Victory

A LARGE number of organizations these days are presuming to act as the spokesmen for small business. Some of them are phony outfits hastily put together under the direction and control of big business. They merely echo the fictitious "free enterprise" slogans of the duPonts and their friends in the National Association of Manufacturers.

Not to be confused with these quasi-rackets are a number of honest bodies that really believe in free, independent enterprise and give their full support to the government agency that has done a good deal to put the problems of little business, war and postwar, in their proper setting.

The latest (16th) bi-monthly progress report of this federal agency, the Smaller War Plants Corp., headed by Maury Maverick, indicates the type of work that can be done by those who are sincere in their professions of concern for small business.

The report looks first at the needs of the war. It says there is still plenty of unused and idle capacity in the smaller plants of this country. They can be put to work fast. They are, to a great extent, in non-critical labor areas and thus have more manpower available. Besides, their use would do away with the necessity for additional facilities, the building of which would waste manpower, ma-



by Labor Research Assn.

terial and money. Then it shows how in 1944 alone the SWPC helped get about \$2.1 billion prime war contracts for small business, compared with \$1.2 billion in the previous 16 months.

WHAT SWPC says about small business in the transition and postwar periods is also worth noting. It points out something that has been little noted in the press, the progress of the merger movement during the war. "Small businesses are being gobbled up by big business." On the basis of a survey just completed in the mining and manufacturing industry it finds that there has been a distinct upward trend in corporate acquisitions during the war, especially since the latter part of 1942. Such taking over of little business by larger business was most marked in the latter half of last year when optimism over a quick victory in Europe and hopes for early reconversion to civilian goods reached a peak.

This incomplete survey noted some 650 such acquisitions and mergers, most of them representing the swallowing of small by large business. This trend, SWPC believes, will be increased after V-E Day as big business turns its mind more toward civilian production.

And the big boys are in a good position to move in this direction. For right now and after the war, as SWPC says, "the large companies will have billions of liquid capital that

## Big Firms May Gobble Up Small Business in Reconversion

can be used to buy small companies, like so many bags of potatoes."

A recent report of the Securities and Exchange Commission on the working capital of over 1,200 large corporations, showed that between December, 1939, and the middle of 1944, cash and government securities of these concerns rose from \$5.6 billion to \$21.5 billion, nearly a quadruple advance.

On the other hand, as SWPC points out, the "financial position of a considerable segment of small business will be precarious—dangerous and shaky—in the readjustment period."

REPORTS from the 110 field offices of the SWPC lead it to conclude that small businesses "have been unable to accumulate the reserves necessary to tide them through the readjustment period." (Other facts on this are given in our March and April *Economic Notes*).

To meet the postwar situation SWPC proposes the development of a system of interim financing for small business and assurance that it will be able to participate equitably in the distribution of government war surpluses. It urges the development of means to make scientific research and technological advances available to small business. Aid to veterans is also one of the first items on its program.

The SWPC Act should be extended before it expires July 1.



# Spanish Guerilla Mountain Parley Plans New Blows Against Franco

High in the mountains of Sapin's Estremadura region, near the Portuguese border, not long ago, guerilla members of the Spanish Communist Party braved death to hold a conference on strengthening the struggle against Franco's fascism and the Falange. News of the meeting, smuggled out of Spain, has just been made available to the Daily Worker.

A guerilla leader, spoken of only as "Comrade Juan," addressed the meeting.

Estremadura, he said, is a poor and backward peasant land and Franco jailed the few Estremadurians who had belonged to the Communist Party, democratic organizations, or CNT, the anarchist-led trade union federation.

"Nevertheless we found a people who understood," Juan said. "We found peasants who said to us: 'No one lacks family feeling, and we want again to know the delight of having all our own reunited.' Seizing police files, we found that all

## Lincoln Vets' Dinner April 11

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade will honor the 14th anniversary of Spain's Republic at a dinner April 11 at the Hotel Commodore.

Tribute to the more than 1,000 American trade unionists who fought in Spain will be paid by Rep. John M. Coffee, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Ralph Bates, Diana Forbes-Robertson, Bob Thompson and others.

the people were called 'leftist' or 'red' or 'doubtful.' Even the village mayor was called 'rightist-doubtful.'

## FRANCO OPPRESSION

Oppression and force bolstered the regime. Wherever the guerillas went they found fear and locked doors. The Falange propaganda that guerillas were bandits and assassins had done its evil work.

But the fear melted quickly. Franco's soldiers began to desert to the guerillas. Peasants and priests alike came to their support.

The guerillas took over entire villages. Committees of National

Union—representing all the villagers—governed. Republicans, Communists, Socialists, trade unionists, priests united.

When the people found that the "Red Extremists" did not persecute priests, Catholics, conservatives, Juan said, they welcomed them enthusiastically.

## FOOD FOR GUERRILLAS

In one village, a few hours after the guerillas came, the mayor organized a collection of food and soon presented them with the precious gift of 3,300 pounds of potatoes. Nowhere did the guerillas have to resort to requisitioning food: the people everywhere understood their needs.

"This indicates that the Communist Party's policy of national unity is correct and understood by the people, because it is their own policy," Juan declared. "Only thus will the workers, peasants, middle class, Catholics arise, join directly in the fight for Spain's liberation through national insurrection."

Juan paid tribute especially to Catholic priests who had ventured into the mountains to tell hiding civil guards that the guerillas should be supported. The guards returned peacefully to the villages.

In one battle the guerillas killed 150 enemy troops. Later, he said, many surrendered and it was dis-

covered that most were boys of 19 to 21; ill-shod, ill-clothed sons or brothers of Spaniards who are in jails and concentration camps.

"Just imagine, comrades," Juan commented, "Franco must rely on such an army! We can draw these young Spaniards into our ranks. If we have done all this in one politically ill-prepared region, what can we not accomplish in working class areas where the fighting, revolutionary spirit flourishes and our Party is organized and the Supreme Junta of National Union is strong?"

The secret meeting in Estremadura ended with a resolution expressing the pride and faith felt by the guerillas in the Communist Party and its secretary, Dolores Ibarruri, La Pasionaria. They

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greeted the presence among them of a representative of the Party's central committee, "Comrade Andres." They reaffirmed their intention to fight on for a free and independent Spain.

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## FOREIGN BRIEFS

### 'Dead' Nazis in Buenos Aires

Nazi leaders are arranging sham funerals for themselves, turn up alive in SPAIN and ARGENTINA. Moscow radio reported. The "late" SS Colonel Olaf Fickert is in Barcelona as Wilhelm Kleinert; Hellmuth Moeckel, chief of staff of Hitlerjugend, reported killed in an accident, is staying with Alvarez Serrano, leader of Spanish University Fascists; SS leaders Karl Dufals, Hans Steudmann and Ernst Frick, also "dead," are in Buenos Aires under assumed names. . . . The ARGENTINE Ministry of Interior closed two leading democratic newspapers in Buenos Aires; Noticias Graficas had commented editorially that the "formality" of declaring war on the Axis should be implemented by calling democratic elections; La Vanguardia, a Socialist paper, has waged a vigorous campaign against the present fascist regime. . . . BRAZILIAN Fascists—the Integralistas—are reorganizing, Correla da Manha reported in Rio de Janeiro.

The ITALIAN Government plans to establish a Consultative Assembly where issues will be debated publicly by anti-fascist ex-deputies, and representatives of the political parties, trade unions, veterans organizations. American organizations with two million members have asked that the Italian Government be invited to San Francisco, pointing to Italy's major contribution to the United Nations war effort. . . . The SOVIET delegation to San Francisco, headed by Ambassador Gromyko, will include A. A. Soboleff, a Balkan expert; K. V. Novikoff, head of the Foreign Office Department dealing with Britain and the British Empire; S. K. Tsarapkin, head of the American Department; Profs. S. A. Golunsky and S. B. Kryloff; Lt. A. F. Vasilieff and Vice-Admiral K. K. Rodionoff. . . . Bernard M. BARUCH is in London on an undisclosed White House mission.

The FRENCH Government is floating Liberation Bonds to which banks and large corporations may not subscribe. . . . Marshal Petain goes on trial for treason in absent-

tia on April 24. . . . BELGIUM has just stabilized wages, fixed agricultural prices, and offered bonuses to coal miners, to meet the economic crisis. . . . The Duke of ALBA has resigned as Franco's Ambassador to London. . . . The BRITISH Ministry of Labor advertised for a technical and scientific staff to deal with Germany's future armaments, manufacturing, shipbuilding and aircraft. The staff will be attached to the Allied Control Commission.

WEHRMACHT soldiers in Copenhagen revolted recently against SS troops trying to send them to the Oder Front, the Free German Committee broadcast from Moscow. . . . Dr. Ratcho ANGELOV, Bulgarian Minister of Public Health, expressed thanks for U. S. medical supplies sent as a gift to the Bulgarian people. . . . The old line ROMANIAN National Liberal Party will soon hold a congress in Bucharest with all prominent leaders participating. . . . SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK talks wound up in Moscow. The new Czechoslovak Government will probably not be announced until President Eduard Benes arrives in Kosice, provisional capital.

Cuba's ex-President Fulgencio BATISTA said it is absurd to call recent disturbances in Cuba a plot against the Grau San Martin Government.

ARABS are aroused against Viscount Gort's proposal that the Jerusalem Mayoralty rotate between Arabs, Jews and Christians. They will accept only a Moslem.

### France Wants Reich To Supply Labor

France is expected to ask for 300,000 German building trades workers for a three-year period to rebuild 1,400,000 destroyed buildings, it was reported yesterday. Some 300,000 French building trades workers were deported by the Germans. Responsible officials feel it would be unfair to draft these Frenchmen, once they are repatriated, into the necessary construction camps.

## Italians Happy Over Aid to Partisans

By FRIEDL ORLANDO

ROME, March 30 (ALN).—The measures taken recently by the Italian government to give partisans more official recognition have been welcomed not only in partisan ranks but also in liberated Italy.

The decrees establish that needy families of partisans who reside in liberated territory will receive the normal soldier's family allowances; that army decorations will be conferred on partisans for distinguished action; that partisan commanders, whose territory has been freed, can join the army with the same rank they held while fighting behind the German lines, unless their rank be higher than a lieutenant-colonel.

These measures are felt to be removing some of the obstacles which previously prevented freed partisans from entering the army. Although most of them were anxious to continue to fight, a small percentage had enrolled prior to the decree when they were not allowed to join as a formation and their commanders had to enter as privates and undergo the most elementary training.

It is felt that the changes under the decree were brought about in large measure by the success of the British 8th Army, which when it advances, takes over complete partisan units. The partisans are re-equipped, provided with British army rations and pay (which in many cases is not accepted) and are put in or in front of 8th Army lines.

Tasks for which they are especially trained, such as patrolling and scouting, are assigned to them and they operate directly under their own commanders. The latter have the power to release a man to civilian life if he so desires, but very few requests of that kind have been received.

The practice of the U. S. 5th Army has been to disarm partisans and send them to rear areas, where they are gathered in so-called "partisan centers." The treatment they receive there is inferior to that of prisoners of war. They are fed on

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# Crum, GOP Leader, Backs Harry Bridges

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Bartley C. Crum, nationally known Republican leader and William M. Malone, chairman of the Democratic State Committee of California, have added their support to the citizenship campaign for Harry Bridges.

In a letter to President Roosevelt, Mr. Crum, industrial legal counsel, emphasized Bridges' "very great contribution to the war effort through his insistence on the de-

velopment of unity between all sections of our community," and went on to praise the record of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, of which Bridges is national president. "Scrupulous observance of the no-strike pledge by the ILWU and its extension of that pledge beyond the war are additional evidences of devotion both to the war effort and to the establishment of a permanent peace," he wrote.

Malone requested the President to dismiss deportation charges pending against Bridges "in the interests of justice and public policy." He commended Bridges for his development of a friendly employer-employee relationship which he describes as a "real prospect of continuing industrial peace for San Francisco."

The AFL Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Local 800, has also passed a resolution urging im-

mediate citizenship for Bridges.

Other AFL unions that have added their support to the campaign include: Apartment and Hotel Employees Union, Local 14; International Association of Machinists, Lodge 68; Retail Shoe and Textile Union, Local 41; Steamfitters Union, Local 590; Federation of Teachers, all of San Francisco, and Local 65 of the International Ladies Garment Workers, Painters Local 83, Motion Picture Painters Local and

644, Screen Office Employees Guild, all of Los Angeles. Many CIO unions have taken similar action.

Jesus T. Pinero, Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico wrote the President, "If the people who for ten long years have been trying to get Harry Bridges out of this country, could have their way about it, they would write into our codes a new crime consisting in the organizing of labor unions." He urged executive action to set, aside the deportation proceedings.

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# LOWDOWN

A Thrill-less Finale  
To the Cage Season

By Nat Low

That was not a fitting close to the basketball season at the Garden Thursday night when Oklahoma A. & M. beat DePaul in the Red Cross game, 52 to 44. The only successful part of the evening was the \$50,000 kicked into the coffers of the Red Cross.

But the much-heralded contest between Bob "Footballs" Kurland and "Let-George-Do-It" Mikan lasted only 14 minutes for Mikan went out on personals even before he could work up a decent sweat. From there on the game was just another game—no real, good basketball, no thrills, no drama.

It is interesting to note that, stripped of Mikan, the rest of the DePaul players simply could not solve the problems confronting them and that's because the whole strategy of the team centered about the big boy. It seems coach Rey Meyer never bothered to work out a substitute plan for just such an eventuality as came about Thursday. The best DePaul is the pass from the outside to Mikan in the bucket and then the rapid pass back to a cutter coming in fast under the basket. The variation of this play has Mikan pivoting and netting the ball himself.

But with no big man in the bucket to take these passes the DePauls were kaput. Against the tenacious man-to-man defense of the Aggies—and coach Hank Iba turns out teams that resemble Joe Lapchick's in their defensive acumen—the Demons were frustrated. They couldn't get under at all and after a while their offensive consisted primarily of set shots from far, far out. And this didn't work simply because they didn't have enough set shot artists.

The Aggies played a cautious, deliberate game from beginning to end, forsaking the fast break for the slow, careful setup. When Mikan went out and forced two Demons to guard Kurland, the Aggies simply worked the ball around until they could get the uncovered man under the boards. Kurland, all this while, was only a decoy. In fact, he took exactly one shot at the basket during the entire second half. Indirectly, however, he deserved an assist on most of the Aggies' scores because of the two Demons hanging onto his ankles.

By the game's end only one of the Demons was still on the court. The four other starters, Mikan, Gene Stump, Jack Allen and Whitey Kachan, all went out on fouls and that was the highest expression of Oklahoma's defense which was so persistent and dogging that the frustrated Demons were flailing around like drowning men, hacking, pushing, elbowing and holding.

A few times during the game the Demons resorted to the fast break and all-over-the-court guarding in an attempt to upset the deliberate Aggies. But they weren't easily confused. Indeed, every time DePaul tried this the Aggies cut them down and dashed under for the score.

All in all a victory for a soundly coached, defensive ball club which played more typical New York basketball than most of the teams in the city.

There's a limit to how long you can bottle up lightning—as the Toronto Maple Leafs have discovered. They whipped the defending champion Montreal Canadiens three times in four games before Thursday night and had them on the verge of elimination from the playoffs when suddenly the Canucks erupted and crashed through for 10 goals, to win 10 to 3. Now the series stands three games to two and the Canadiens are very much in the fight. Most heartening thing for them is the return to form of Rocket Richard who rifled home four goals and picked up one assist in Thursday's victory.

## Red Sox: No Threat at All

(This is the fourth in a series on the 1945 prospects of the major league baseball teams.)

By LEO H. PETERSEN, United Press Sports Editor

Add the Boston Red Sox to baseball's "times are tough" department. The situation at Pleasantville, N. J., where the Red Sox are training, is such that Manager Joe Cronin, nearing 39, is getting ready to play shortstop. He had trouble getting enough men in camp to make up a team. He's still wondering what he is going to use for players—particularly catchers.

Cronin has one consolation—his manpower troubles can't get much worse and they probably will get

better. But it's doubtful if they will get good enough to land the Red Sox as high as they finished last year—in fourth.

Catching probably will be his biggest problem for he lost all three men who divided the chores in 1944. Bob Garbark, whom the Athletics had sent down to Louisville, was brought up by the Red Sox in the hope he would fill the bill. Two other catchers are on the roster—Fred Walters, who hit .278 with Louisville last year, and William Holm, drafted from Los Angeles but who may not report because of his war plant job.

Cronin has all his pitchers back from last season except Tex Hughson, whom he lost in mid-season, with the veteran Joe Bowman and Mike Ryba, the leaders. They both won 12 games last year but unless the manpower situation improves Cronin may find it necessary to use Ryba elsewhere.

If Lamar Newsome reports for shortstop duty—and Cronin hopes he does—the infield appears set with George Metkovich at first base; Jimmy Bucher at second and Eddie Lake at third. The Red Sox will miss Bobby Doerr and Jim Tabor and the chances are that Cronin, if he can get in any shape at all, will see plenty of service.

The regular outfield of 1944 is back—Bob Johnson, Pete Fox, and Tom McBride.

## Pete Gray Doing O. K.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 30 (UP).—"What he does can't be done. Still, I've seen him do it."

That comment by a sports writer who visited the training camp of the St. Louis Browns is a thumbnail of Pete Gray, one-armed ball player up from the bushes for an unprecedented tryout in the big time.

There was much tut-tutting and wagging of heads last September when Don Barnes, Browns president, announced to a startled baseball world that he had purchased the 28-year-old outfielder from the Memphis Chicks of the Southern Association.

The skeptics are still around. And so is Pete Gray, the same cocksure player he was in the minors, out there every day at the Browns Camp at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

He brought with him the batting skill which gave him the Association batting leadership last year when he hit an incredible .353, including several homers.

Pete is no distance hitter, but with his peculiar stance he manages the drag bunt to perfection and often places singles and doubles over the heads of the infielders. His unusual skill enables him to beat out many an infield hit.

The other day against the Toledo Mudhens, he backspinned a bunt that landed behind the pitcher. Pete stood mockingly on first before the shortstop could manage a throw.

In the first two practice games against Toledo, Gray hit three or four each day. In the second game he got three straight hits. His fourth time up, he sent a long fly ball into deep center field, allowing a Brown runner to advance from second to third after the catch with what proved to be the winning run.

That same afternoon he took three chances in center field, one a hard line drive and taught one Mudhen base runner a lesson—it isn't safe to advance when Gray is in the field.

### 11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—First Piano Quartet  
WOR—News; Talk; Music  
WJZ—Kay Armen, Songs  
WABC—News; Warren Sweeney  
WMCA—News; Music Box  
WQXR—News; String Music  
11:05-WABC—Let's Pretend—Sketch  
11:30-WEAF—Smiling Ed McConnell  
WOR—Hockey Hall  
WJZ—Betty Moore—Talk  
WABC—To Be Announced  
WMCA—Hello, Neighbor  
WQXR—Concert Music  
11:45-WJZ—Shopping Talk—Lois Long

### NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News; Consumer Time  
WOR—Man on the Farm  
WJZ—Herman and Banta, Music  
WABC—Theatre of Today  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert  
12:15-WJZ—Radio Harris—Broadway News  
12:30-WEAF—Atlantic Spotlight  
WOR—News; The Answer Man  
WJZ—News; Home and Garden  
WABC—Stars Over Hollywood  
1:00-WEAF—Easter Eve Music; Cathedral St. John the Divine  
WOR—Discussion: Post-War Taxes—Beardley Rumi; Rollin Browne  
WJZ—Eddie Condon's Jazz Concert  
WABC—Grand Central Station  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony  
1:15-WEAF—Murphy Sisters Trio  
WMCA—Health Tale  
1:25-WABC—News Reports  
1:30-WEAF—The Baxters—Sketch  
WOR—Symphonies for Youth  
WJZ—The Fighting AAF  
WABC—Report to the Nation  
WMCA—Recorded Music  
1:45-WEAF—John Mac Vane, News  
WMCA—This Is Our Town

### 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—Variety Musicale  
WJZ—Metropolitan Opera, II Trovatore  
WABC—Of Men and Books  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Concert Music  
2:15-WABC—Adventures in Science  
WMCA—Christian Science Talk  
2:30-WEAF—Sports—Grandstand Rice  
WOR—News—Leo Egan  
WABC—Carolina Hayride  
WMCA—News; Music  
WQXR—Music of Our Time  
2:45-WOR—Talk—Stanley Maxted  
WMCA—It's Navy Time  
3:00-WEAF—Chicago Symphony  
WOR—This Is Halloran  
WABC—The Land Is Bright  
WMCA—News; Novena Service  
WQXR—News; Request Music  
3:30-WOR—Where Are They Now?  
WABC—Talk  
WMCA—News; Waltz Music  
3:45-WABC—Job for Tomorrow  
4:00-WEAF—Doctors Look Ahead  
WOR—News; Jay Johnson, Songs  
WABC—Report From Washington  
WMCA—Ray Smith, Songs

## Rickey to Durocher: 'Quit Radio or Else ...'

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y., March 30 (UP).—President Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers today warned manager Leo Durocher that he must decide once and for all whether he prefers a baseball career or the bright lights.

Angered when he wanted to confer with Durocher last night and learned that he had gone to New York City to rehearse for a part he has in a radio program Sunday, Rickey called his manager on the carpet today.

"Leo and I are not in disagreement," Rickey said after a two-minute conference with Durocher. "However, his baseball job must come first and his outside interests must be incidental—or else."

Although Rickey earlier had made it clear that he would order Durocher to give up his radio interests when they made it necessary for him to be absent from his baseball duties, he added that he would allow him to appear on Sunday. Durocher has a role in the coast-to-coast Hall of Fame program from New York at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Dodgers are scheduled to play an exhibition game here at 2 p.m., hardly leaving Durocher enough time to arrive in time for the radio show without missing a portion of the game. Rickey indicated that previously Durocher had missed parts of practice sessions without his permission to attend radio rehearsals.

Durocher, apparently not eager to give up his radio work, pointed out to newspapermen prior to the conference that he would receive \$1,500 for the broadcast and two previous radio appearances netted him "an easy" \$2,000.

The Rickey-Durocher disagreement on radio appearances flared as early as last fall. When Durocher's contract was renewed for a year, Rickey said he wanted his manager to be free to negotiate for any other job he wanted, whether it be in "baseball, radio or Hollywood."

When Rickey took over the Dodgers, he laid down the law against

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high-stake gambling among players on the club and said Durocher had condoned it. He has always had high praise for Durocher as a manager, but has never shown favor with his "methods of disciplining" the players. This latest row indicates another example of "poor discipline."

The Rickey-Durocher incident reached a peak at the close of the 1943 season, when Durocher was handed an unconditional release and was told that he would have an equal opportunity with other hopefuls for the job. He was later rehired.

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WABC—880 Kc. WENT—1480 Kc.  
WINS—1000 Kc. WQXR—1540 Kc.

WQXR—News; Symphony Music  
4:15-WABC—Report From Overseas  
4:30-WEAF—Easter Eve Compromise Service from Benedictine Abbey of St. Meinrad, Indiana  
WOR—Variety Musicale  
WOR—Assignment Home  
WMCA—News; Music  
4:45-WEAF—Furman Orchestra  
5:00-WEAF—Grand Hotel—Play  
WOR—Uncle Don  
WJZ—Philadelphia Orchestra  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Footlight Echoes  
5:15-WOR—Talk—Leo Egan  
5:30-WEAF—John W. Vandercook, News  
WOR—Dunham Orchestra  
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs  
WQXR—Romolo de Spirito, Tenor  
5:45-WEAF—Jack Owens, Baritone  
WOR—Shirley Eder, Interview  
WJZ—Jean Tighe, Songs

### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News; Friendship Ranch  
WOR—News; Music  
WJZ—Bruno Shaw  
WABC—Quincy Howe, News  
WMCA—News; Music  
WQXR—News; Music to Remember  
6:15-WJZ—Sports—Harry Wisner  
WABC—People's Platform  
WMCA—Dale Belmont, Songs  
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Concert  
6:30-WOR—News; Fred Vandeventer  
WJZ—Edward Tomlinson  
WMCA—Recorded Music  
WJZ—Labor—U. S. A.  
WABC—The World Today, News  
WMCA—Talk, Jack Shafer  
7:00-WEAF—Our Foreign Policy  
WOR—Guess Who—Quiz  
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad  
WAB—Play—Mayor of the Town, With Lionel Barrymore  
WMCA—News; Platterbrains  
WQXR—News; Favorite Music  
7:15-WJZ—Leland Stowe  
7:30-WEAF—The Saint—Play  
WOR—Arthur Hale  
WJZ—Meet Your Naby  
WABC—America in the Air  
WMCA—News Reports  
WQXR—Concert Music  
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man  
WABC—Songs of Israel  
8:00-WEAF—Caslight Gayeties  
WOR—Frank Sinatra, News  
WJZ—Early American News  
WABC—Danny Kaye Show  
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall

8:15-WOR—Dr. A. L. Sacher  
8:30-WEAF—Truth or Consequence  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WOR—Detroit Symphony Orchestra  
WJZ—Boston Symphony Orchestra  
WABC—The FBI in Peace and War  
8:55-WABC—Ned Calmer, News

### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—National Barn Dance  
WABC—Hit Parade  
WMCA—News; Shoot the Works  
WQXR—News Reports  
9:05-WQXR—Europe—This Week  
9:20-WQXR—Request Music  
9:30-WEAF—Can You Top This?  
WOR—Mysterious Traveler  
WJZ—Spotlight Band  
WMCA—Recorded Music  
9:45-WABC—Saturday Serenade  
9:55-WJZ—Quick Quiz  
10:00-WEAF—Judy Canova Show  
WOR—Theatre of the Air  
WJZ—Andy Russell Show  
WMCA—News; Music  
WQXR—News; Concert Music  
10:15-WABC—Al Pearce Show  
10:30-WEAF—Grand Ole Opry  
WJZ—J. Dorsey Orchestra  
WMCA—Frank Kingston  
KQXR—The Music Box  
10:45-WABC—To Be Announced  
WMCA—Marine Corps Program  
11:00-WEAF—WABC—News; Music  
WMCA—News; Talk; Music  
WJZ, WOR—News; Music  
WQXA—News; Just Music  
11:30-WEAF—I Sustain the Wings  
WABC—News; Music  
12:00-WEAF, WJZ—News; Music  
WABC, WMCA—News; Music  
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# 'Corn Is Green': A Mature Film Study of a Deep Social Problem

By DAVID PLATT

The *Corn Is Green* is a distinguished motion picture portrayal of the struggle to bring light to the people. It is a personal triumph for Bette Davis who gives a superb performance as Miss Moffatt, a socially-conscious English middle-aged woman of will and backbone, who set out to reduce illiteracy in a rundown and backward Welsh mining community of the 1890s. A faithful adaptation of the Emlyn Williams play of 1940 which starred Ethel Barrymore, the Warner Bros. film tells of the stubborn resistance of both miners and mine-owners to the very idea of setting up a school. "What do you want to do, destroy the foundations of old England," says the Squire who owns most of the land and part of the mines. "Miners smell, how are you going to teach them?" indignantly asks one of the hyper-sensitive women in the town. "What's it all for?"



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## VICTORY OVER IGNORANCE

How the determined Miss Moffatt won her battle for education; how she conquered the illiterate Squire with the right kind of flattery; and others by her deep honesty and frankness; how she took hold of Morgan Evans, a crude young miner with poetry locked up in his heart, and at great personal cost and much clumsiness devoted two solid years to preparing him for a scholarship at Oxford University; how Miss Moffatt herself was brought to understand the larger aspects of her role as teacher, that a human being "is not a machine you put a penny in and if nothing comes out give it a good shake"; all this adds up to one of the really fine films of the year.

John Dall, a newcomer to the screen with considerable training in the legitimate theatre behind him (it shows), turns in an enormously satisfactory job as the young poet who first won the attention of Miss Moffatt with a misspelled composition that revealed a creative talent for writing. Joan Loring is equally good as Bessie Watty, a delinquent girl, the type made famous by Thomas Hardy in *Jude the Obscure*.

Some questions: Do all Welsh miners sing so lustily as they come up out of the mines after a hard day's work? Why didn't Miss Moffatt, the epitome of patience with everyone else, make the slightest effort to make over the wayward Watty girl? Why did 'Corn Is

**THE CORN IS GREEN**, a Warner Bros. picture starring Bette Davis. Screenplay by Casey Robinson and Frank Cavett from the stage play by Emlyn Williams, produced by Herman Shumlin. Directed by Irving Rapper. Music by Max Steiner. Cast includes John Dall, Joan Loring, Nigel Bruce, Rhys Williams, Rosalind Ivan, Mildred Dunlock, Gwennyth Hughes. At the Hollywood Theater.

*Green* fail to show something of Miss Moffatt's life before she came to the village of Glensarno in Wales? All we know about her is that she never spoke to a man more than five minutes before desiring to box his ears. Why? And where and how did she acquire her hatred for poverty and illiteracy, strong enough to make her want to do something about it? We know what motivates the actions of Morgan Evans, Bessie and Mrs. Watty. Considerable authority would have been added to the role of Miss Moffatt if the dark spots in her life had been cleared up.

That's about all I have to criticize



BETTE DAVIS

in this otherwise absorbing and intelligent film study of the growth of human character and understanding in an unfavorable environment. With all its faults *The Corn Is Green* is a deeply significant portrayal of the victory of knowledge and education over ignorance and illiteracy. It belongs well at the top of the list of worthwhile films.

## 'The Firebrand of Florence' Well Staged But Lacks Fire

That most of the audience stayed in the theater for the musical version of Edwin Justus Mayer's play about Benvenuto Cellini titled *The Firebrand of Florence* is a tribute to the fine art of stage and costume designing by Jo Mielziner and Raoul Pene du Bois respectively.

The stage at all times presented a picture of fine dramatic achievement; brilliant and subtle color, integrated with dramatic action, characterization and climax. The rest of the production at the Alvin in no way measured up to the creative abilities of Mr. Du Bois or Mr. Mielziner.

For the musical adapted by Mr. Mayer and Ira Gershwin from an original play titled *The Firebrand*, produced some 20 years ago, is a dull book that strains hard for its comedy. The music is competent and pleasant with very little of the spark and vitality that distinguishes Kurt Weill. And where the

**THE FIREBRAND OF FLORENCE**. Musical produced by Max Gordon at the Alvin Theater. Book by Edwin Justus Mayer and lyrics by Ira Gershwin. Sets by Jo Mielziner and costumes by Raoul Pene du Bois. Cast includes Melville Cooper, Earl Wigham, Beverly Tyler, Lotte Lenya, Ferdi Hofman.

music does get interesting in one or two spots lyricist Gershwin lets composer down and vice versa. Each started out with some good ideas that didn't quite come off. The love song, theme song 'There'll Be Love, There'll Be Laughter' was the most memorable bit, a good sign being that the audience left humming it.

## STOCK PORTRAYALS

There is not a single role that demands unusual talent yet the conventional portrayals of stock musical characters is for the most part quite poor. Melville Cooper and Lotte Lenya have style and authority to meet their assignments adequately. Jean Guellis provides an exciting few minutes of ballet dancing.

L. B.

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Carol Brice, youthful Negro contralto will perform in Carnegie Hall for the first time on Sunday evening, April 8th, when she participates in W. Colston Leigh's second "Introduction to Fame" concert.

## YMHA Art Exhibit

The first exhibition of the series of group shows by members of the Artists League of America is being held in the Kaufmann Lounge of the Young Men's Hebrew Assn., Lex. Ave. at 92nd St. N.Y. This exhibition will be held until April 10.

## Robert Casadesus

The major subscription series of the YMHA will present Robert Casadesus, pianist this Sunday evening at 8:40 in the Theresa L. Kaufmann Auditorium, Young Men's Hebrew Assn., Lex. Ave. at 92nd St.

## At the Gem Theatre

Winged Victory (20th Fox) is playing today and tomorrow at the Gem Theatre, 181 St. and St. Nickolas Ave.



Ray Lev, nationally known pianist, is the latest star in a whole galaxy that will be at the Ben Davis Ball on Sunday afternoon, April 15, at Golden Gate Ballroom in Harlem. Other stars who will come to honor Councilman Davis are Lena Horne, Hazel Scott, Mary Lou Williams, Buck and Bubbles.

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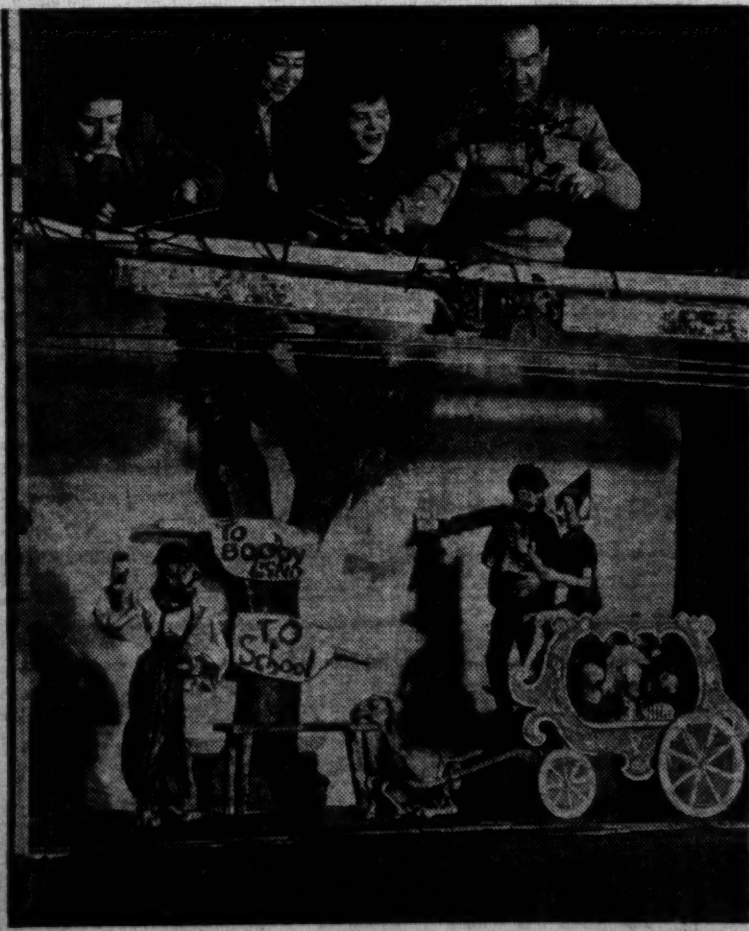
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String manipulators of the Suzari Marionettes will give three performances of *Pinocchio* today (Saturday) at 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Barbizon Plaza Theatre, Sixth Ave. and 58 St. This holiday treat for children under the auspices of Variety Programs will continue through April 7 with alternating performances of *Pinocchio*, *Rumpelstiltskin* and *Adventures of Remi*. Tickets from 60¢ cents up at the box office.



## Yank Subs Sink Big Japanese Carrier, 4 Other Combat Ships

WASHINGTON, March 30 (UP).—U.S. submarines have sunk a large Japanese aircraft carrier, four other combat ships and six merchant vessels, the Navy announced tonight.

The other combat craft were two destroyers and two escort vessels.

The merchantmen were three medium cargo vessels, a small cargo carrier, a large tanker and a medium cargo transport.

This was the fourth Japanese aircraft carrier sunk by U.S. submarines in this war.

The latest successes raised to 1,083 the total of Japanese ships sunk by our submarines to date, including 122 combat craft.

## Blast Nagoya Industrial Area And Singapore Naval Base

GUAM, Saturday, March 31 (UP).—U. S. carrier planes and warships' guns shot down 14 enemy planes Wednesday and Thursday in the waters off the Ryukyus, it was announced today.

Fifteen other Japanese planes were destroyed on the ground during the period. Ships fire destroyed two enemy motor torpedo boats Thursday.

The warships and carrier planes continued to attack the Ryukyu islands Friday. Fleet

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said.

GUAM, March 30 (UP).—Superfortresses attacked Nagoya, Japan's chief aircraft production center, and the Singapore naval base in southeast Asia today, and Tokyo reported that two task forces of the biggest naval force ever assembled were operating only a few miles off the Japanese homeland coast.

Superforts from Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay's 21st Bomber Squadron hit Nagoya, pinpointing one selected industrial area, and a force from the India-based 20th under Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey bombed oil storage areas at Singapore.

## Allies Blast Nazi Naval Bases

LONDON, March 30 (UP).—An air fleet of 2,300 U. S. 8th Airforce bombers and fighters today smashed German naval installations at Bremen, Hamburg and Wilhelmshaven with an estimated 3,500 tons of bombs.

The force of 1,400 Fortresses and Liberators screened by 900 fighters, was the greatest number of planes ever assembled in a single fleet.

Unescorted Italy-based 15th Airforce Liberators and Fortresses, fly-

ing through bad weather, bombed rail targets in Austria by instrument today in support of the Red Armies driving toward the former Austrian capital.

Targets included yards and stations at Graz, 85 miles southwest of Vienna on rail lines of great importance to the Germans. Before the bombers struck, Lightnings and Mustangs swept the area. All bombers returned to their bases, a Rome announcement said.

## Vienna Peace Riots Reported

LONDON, March 30 (UP).—German SS troops suppressed Vienna peace demonstrations started by thousands of women, a dispatch from Ankara reported tonight.

The Moscow Radio quoted Stockholm reports of a German troop mutiny in Copenhagen.

## Franco Envoy to Britain Quits Post

LONDON, March 30 (UP).—Madrid confirmed today that the Duke of Alba, one of Spain's great grandees, had resigned as Spanish ambassador to Great Britain.

## Uncover Nazi Plot to Regain Control of Postwar Germany

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by the Allies during the war.

3—Where this method fails, German repurchases will be attempted through "cloaks" who meet the necessary citizenship requirements.

4—German technicians and research experts will be made available at low cost after the war to industrial firms and technical schools in foreign countries.

5—German capital and plans for construction of ultra-modern technical schools and laboratories will be offered at extremely favorable terms "since they will afford the Germans an excellent opportunity to design and perfect new weapons."

"The object in every instance," the Department said, "will be to reestablish German control at the earliest possible date. German attempts to continue to share in the control and development of technological change in the immediate postwar period is reflect-

ed in the phenomenal increase in German patent registrations in foreign countries during the past two years. These registrations reached an all-time high in 1944."

It also pointed out that the Nazi ban against exporting capital from Germany was withdrawn several months ago and that a substantial outflow of capital to foreign countries has followed.

It said the Allies are taking steps to guarantee whatever action is necessary "to smash the economic and political foundation of future German aggression."

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Infantrymen of the U. S. Ninth Army hitch-hike rides on tank destroyers to keep up with the fast-moving front in Germany. This tank is rolling through the Duisburg area across the northwest corner of the Ruhr.

## The Veteran Commander

### REACHING FOR THE WESER-FULDA LINE

IN SPITE of the blackout on news from certain sectors of the Western Front, we are given to understand that Gen. Hodges' First Army has swung north from the Siegburg-Marburg line and has swept some 55 miles almost to the town of Paderborn, which lies on the southern fringes of historic Teutoburg Forest. This means that Hodges' men are now directly in the rear of the entire Ruhr area, and about 50 miles from a junction with Montgomery's men, who are reported to be approaching Muenster. The two arms of the pincers forged around the Ruhr should meet very soon somewhere in the Teutoburg Forest, or in the Muenster-Hamm-Bielefeld triangle (this region is somewhat to the east of the Hamm-Soest line where we expected the meeting to take place).

In the center, the erstwhile Remagen bridgehead has been expanded into a great salient which has merged with Gen. Patton's salient and has virtually outflanked the Weser-Fulda line by driving to the approaches of Schweinfurt and Wuerzburg.

In fact, the Allied armies will soon have reached the entire length of the natural defense position along the Weser and the Fulda, from Minden in the north to Fulda in the south, and Germany will be thus reduced to the corridor between the Oder and the Weser-Fulda. This corridor will be untenable in a major two-front war, for lack of strategic depth.

Gen. Patton's movements in the direction of Bavaria are cloaked in secrecy. This direction, with the Russian advance in Austria, remains, as we pointed out before, the most important one in the whole campaign. Draw a line from Nurnberg to Wiener Neustadt on your map and you will have the line of decision. Nurnberg and Wuerzburg, Wiener Neustadt and Linz are now more important than Leipzig and Erfurt, or Bratislava and Vienna. Figuratively, the thing is

to "annul the Anschluss," i.e., cut off Austria from Germany and Czechoslovakia.

The number of prisoners taken on both fronts, close to 100,000 in the last 48 hours, shows that German resistance is disintegrating. However, there is this difference: in the west the Germans were taken "in the open," while in the east half of the prisoners were taken in the closed pocket near Gdynia. This means that German resistance in the East remains far stronger than in the west. Konigsberg and Danzig, Stettin and Breslau, even places like Szombathely and Szopron, fight to the death, while Mannheim and Duisburg, Frankfurt and Glessen give up either spontaneously, or after a brief struggle (Mannheim gave up over the telephone).

A LOT of people ask us why Zhukov is not attacking Berlin. Of course, we can't tell for sure, but it is permissible to venture a guess, the attack on the Berlin fortified area has been planned at Yalta (and after) as an inter-Allied operation. This would mean that it will probably start when Montgomery and Bradley reach the Elbe, i.e., when Wittenberg, Stendahl, Magdeburg and Dessau have been captured by American and British troops. This should be a symbolic assault, sealing the unity of the Allies in sacrifice, blood and close, visual cooperation.

Soviet troops are fighting in the hills of the Austrian Burgenland and are outflanking Vienna from the south. The battle of Lake Balaton is over and the battle of Austria and the Alps has started.

In the north Danzig is about to fall. Thus in a few hours guns will be silent at the very spot where the first gun of this war was fired.

In Yugoslavia Marshal Tito's troops have captured Bihac, an important stronghold and communications center on the Unna River directly south of Zagreb.

## Stalin Greet Jews on Passover

By JOHN GIBBONS

Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, March 30.—Moscow's Central Synagogue, not far from Red Square, contained fully 2,000 Passover celebrants yesterday morning. There were quite a few Jewish Red Army men among the congregation.

S. Chebrutski, chairman of the Jewish community, officiated at the service, while People's Artist of the Lithuanian Republic, M. Alexandrovich, was cantor.

Addressing the congregation, Chebrutski sketched the history of the Jewish people, from persecution by

the Pharaohs to massacres by the Hitler Fascists. He said:

"If the miraculous passage across the Red Sea saved our forefathers from the Pharaohs, it was the skill and bravery of the Red Army which saved us from Hitler fascism."

Chebrutski read a telegram from Marshal Stalin expressing thanks to the Jewish community for contributions to the national defense fund. Another message came from

the chairman of the Jewish community in Jerusalem.

A feature of Alexandrovich's singing was a song dedicated to Stalin, the theme of which was gratitude to the Soviet leader for saving the Jews of Russia from the fate that befell the Jews of Poland and other occupied countries.

To enable the Jewish population to celebrate Passover according to custom, matzo's are available in numerous bread shops in the city.

## Yanks Land on Negros Island

MANILA, Saturday, March 31 (UP).—American troops have landed on Negros Island in the central Philippines, it was announced today.

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